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President Ezer Weizman meets yesterday with members of the ministerial committee on the release of prisoners, from left, Justice Minister David Liba'i, Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid. (Isaac Harari)

Rabin, Arafat to sign Oslo 2 in Washington today

SARAH HONIG and HILLEL KUTTLER / Washington

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat will meet at the White House today, in the presence of President Bill Clinton and other world leaders, to sign the Oslo 2 agreement expanding Palestinian autonomy throughout the West Bank.

The ceremony will take place in the East Room and will be a modest affair, compared to the signing of the Declaration of Principles on the South Lawn on September 13, 1993, before more than 2,000 people, including most of the US Congress.

But the participation of Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will make this the first gathering of an Israeli premier and Arab leaders in the US. (More details, Page 2)

Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres left last night for Washington.

After five hours of deliberations, a special cabinet session yesterday approved the Oslo 2 pact. The vote was 18-0 with two abstentions, by Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet and Energy Minister Gonen Segev.

The cabinet also approved the release of over 2,100 Palestinian prisoners, including women involved in murder.

The PLO Executive Committee also approved the accord late Tuesday night in Tunis. (Story, Page 2)

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid declared that "this agreement makes the establishment of a Palestinian state inevitable and an irreversible fact. This is palpable to anyone with eyes in his head. I had personally realized that a Palestinian state would arise 25 years ago."

But as he boarded his plane for the US last night, Rabin said that Sarid may have to wait another 25 or 50 years before he sees a Palestinian state.

The cabinet meeting was marked by time pressure, with the imminent departure of Rabin and Peres dictating a rushed pace. Rabin repeatedly prevented cabinet members from speaking at what he judged was excessive length.

The ministers received the 400-page agreement on Tuesday night and were expected to have boned up on all the fine points and small print by the meeting.

When Police Minister Moshe Shahal was asked how anyone could be expected to pass judgment on so complicated an agreement after only a single night to go over the details, he quipped: "We're all above average here."

Shahal acted surprised that the PLO, when it approved the deal on Tuesday, demanded that IDF soldiers begin pulling out of West Bank cities within 10 days of the signing.

Arafat said Israel had agreed to this when the accord was initialed.

"No, I don't believe so. I think that this was not agreed," Shahal said. "I know that the prime minister is talking about it. We are quite surprised by this request. It is now being discussed between the parties."

Finance Minister Avraham (Continued on Page 2)

Weizman: I will not free prisoners with Jewish blood on their hands

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman is unlikely to grant pardons today to some of the 28 Palestinian women on the government's list of prisoners to be released under the Oslo 2 agreement.

This, despite previous assurances by Weizman to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that he would facilitate the women's release.

Weizman called Mubarak twice before Rosh Hashana and told him there were difficulties and that he would examine the matter more closely, presidential bureau chief Arye Shumer confirmed last night. He said Weizman would probably contact Mubarak again today.

There are likely to be "three or four [such] problematic cases," Police Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday. These include two women involved with the murders of settlers. Weizman has gone on record as promising family members of terrorist victims that he will not release murderers.

Shahal was speaking at Beit Hanassi following a meeting between Weizman and the members of the Ministerial Committee on Prisoner Release. The committee also includes Justice Minister David Liba'i and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

The three were dispatched by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to brief Weizman on the cabinet's decision and to discuss the prisoner release. The meeting was also attended by Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, who ruled that the president had ultimate responsibility for the pardons, despite legal differences of opinion on the subject.

Later, Weizman conferred with Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres before they departed last night for the signing ceremony in Washington.

"We are in the process of reconciliation with the Palestinian people," Rabin told Channel 1 just before boarding the flight. "In the framework of this process, there is the release of prisoners who do not have blood on their hands as murderers of Israelis or as those who have badly hurt Israelis."

Following an 80-minute meeting with the ministerial committee members, Weizman requested that Liba'i send him the files of the prisoners in question for study. He plans to spend this morning looking them over and will announce his decision after a swearing-in ceremony for judges at noon, Shumer said.

"The president will bear in mind that it is his duty to convey a message to the public," Shumer clarified. "Some 5,500 prisoners have already been released under the Oslo 1 accords, and now we are talking about a further 1,300. I state categorically that the president will not agree to release prisoners who have Jewish blood on their hands."

"No prisoners who murdered Jews or seriously wounded Jews are on the list," Sarid said of the list of men. But Shahal confirmed that at least two women prisoners who were involved with murders were among those whose files are being sent to Weizman.

Ora Klein, the widow of Zvi Klein, killed in 1991, demanded yesterday that Abir Wahidi, the PLO woman activist who commanded the terror gang that murdered him, not be among those released. Wahidi is serving a 17-year term.

"It hurts very much that they are going to release murderers with blood on their hands, even though they promised over and over again that they wouldn't," Klein, 54, who also met with Shahal, told The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, Sufian Abu Zayde and Hisham Abdel-Razek, former prisoners who sit on the joint Israeli-Palestinian prisoner release committee, visited some of the women detainees in Sharon Prison yesterday.

The two denied that any of the 27 women prisoners were directly involved in murder. Abdel-Razek said that if Wahidi was to be held responsible for Klein's murder, that responsibility would have to include all who gave orders including Yasser Arafat.

Of the 1,300 prisoners due to be released in the first stage, some 600 were jailed for crimes and the remainder are political prisoners, Sarid said. He said the releases would begin "within the next few days."

Shahal maintained that "of the prisoners slated for early release, none has Israeli blood on his or her hands." He intimated that the releases might not begin today as scheduled due to "technical hitches," but vowed there would be no attempts to circumvent any moves by Weizman on the releases.

Liba'i seemed to have doubts about the successful signing of the accords. Asked what would happen if Weizman refused to pardon some of the prisoners, he said: "Let's wait and see whether the Palestinians sign the agreement the way it is rather than trying to raise problems ahead of time."

"This government wants peace at any price and will pay any price for peace," Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said later, after he too met with Weizman to express his reservations about the accords.

"It is clear that all the prisoners will eventually be released ... They are already releasing those who almost murdered, who tried but did not succeed."

Netanyahu added that the prisoner release could not be justified. "Murderers need to be punished," he said, "and potential murderers need to be deterred."

Sarah Honig and Jon Immanuel contributed to this report.

Total closure imposed

ALON PINKAS

A TOTAL closure of the territories was imposed at midnight yesterday, and will last until 4 a.m. Sunday morning because of the Oslo 2 signing ceremony in Washington, the army announced last night.

The statement said that Palestinian truck convoys carrying fresh agricultural produce will be allowed to enter with army escort and only through the Erez crossing.

The closure decision was made yesterday by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin upon the advice of the army and the General Security Service, which expect Hamas and Islamic Jihad to plan attacks to mark the occasion and express their opposition to Yasser Arafat.

Hamas has already announced its opposition and called for a strike in the territories.

IDF redeployment to begin in Jenin next February

ALON PINKAS

THE IDF will begin redeployment in the Jenin district during the week of February 11-17, 1996. This will be the first of seven stages of the first phase of redeployment, according to Appendix 1 to the general Declaration of Principles on "Redeployment of Israeli Military Forces."

The first phase will be followed by "further redeployment," contingent upon developments, and the orderly and effective implementation of phase one.

The appendix (which is a part of a broader annex) and major portions of the DOP were obtained by *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. They include the details and timetables of redeployment and the special guidelines on Hebron.

According to the timetables, there will be seven stages beginning with Jenin, then Tulkarm (February 18-24), Nablus (February 25-March 2), Kalkilya (March 3-9), Ramallah (March 10-16), Bethlehem (March 17-24), and finally Hebron (March 24-30), "in accordance with Article V of this annex (Hebron)."

Senior army sources confirmed that the seven-stage plan was proposed by the IDF's Planning Branch and Central Command, but added that the dates refer to actual redeployment, while preparations will commence as early as next month. On the bottom of the timetable page of the appendix, it states that "both sides may agree on changes to the above."

While Article V describes the general features of the agreement on Hebron, Article VII is more elaborate. Titled "Guidelines for Hebron," it describes the redeployment in detail.

It begins with a general introduction:

1.a. – "There will be a redeployment of Israeli military forces in the city of Hebron except for places and roads where arrangements are necessary for the security and protection of Israelis and their movements. The areas of such redeployment are delineated by red and blue lines and shaded in orange stripes on a yellow background on attached map number 9 (hereinafter area H-1)."

Map number 9 was the focal point of the controversy between Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran.

Clause 1.b. sets the general timetable for redeployment in Hebron, which "...will be completed not later than six months after the signing of this agreement."

As for Palestinian police in Hebron, Clause 2.c. states that "Palestinian police stations or posts will be established in area H-1, manned by a total of up to 400 policemen, equipped with 20 vehicles and armed with 200 pistols and 100 rifles for the protection of those stations."

Clauses 3-6 describe the nature and mechanisms of relations between the PA and Israel, as well as the powers and limitations of the Palestinian Police.

Clause 7, paragraphs a through h detail measures to be taken to normalize life in Hebron's old city, and include opening the wholesale market, removing the barrier on the road leading from Abu Sneineh to Shuhade, and reopening the main entrance to the Islamic College.

Clause 10 affirms the presence of an international force in the city.

In regard to the deployment of Palestinian police in cities from which the IDF will withdraw, the agreement stipulates that: "During the interim period, the total number of policemen of the Palestinian Police in all its branches in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will be no more than 30,000, out of which up to 12,000 will be deployed in the West Bank..."

The largest number of policemen will be deployed in Nablus and Ramallah (1,200 in each) while the smallest number (400) will be allowed to deploy in Tulkarm and Kalkilya.

David Makovsky contributed to this report.

Knesset plenum to vote on Oslo 2 next Thursday

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Knesset plenum will hold a special session to debate and vote on the Oslo 2 agreement next Thursday, despite the opposition's objections to bringing the agreement for the Knesset's approval only after it is signed in Washington.

The Knesset's House Committee convened yesterday at the demand of Likud MK Limor Livnat to debate Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss's decision to convene the Knesset to vote on the Oslo 2 agreement only next Thursday.

Weiss, who as Knesset Speaker has the sole authority to decide on when to convene the Knesset's recess sessions, without the approval of the House Committee or Knesset Presidium, rejected the opposition's demands to hold the Knesset debate on the accord yesterday.

Weiss explained that approving agreements in the Knesset after they are signed "is the constitutional custom since the establishment of the state. I have no authority or desire to coerce the government into bringing the agreement to the Knesset before it is signed because it would be in complete violation of the firm constitutional tradition formulated until today, regardless of which party is in power."

Knesset House Committee Chairman Hagai Merom, who supports the Oslo 2 agreement, nonetheless called on the cabinet to refrain from implementing it and especially from releasing any Palestinian prisoners before the Knesset's approval.

Both coalition and opposition have declared a general mobilization of all their members for the crucial vote, calling off all trips abroad and summoning all MKs out of the country to return.

Labor leaders are counting on a majority of 61, after deducting MK Emanuel Zissman, who already announced that he would vote against the agreement, and MK Avigdor Kahalani, who said he is still deliberating about how to vote.

However, it is not at all clear whether the coalition will be able to muster this majority, mainly due to the indecisive stand taken by Yi'ud MKs Alex Goldfarb and Gonen Segev. Goldfarb is expected once again to delay his decision until the very last moment, as he did last time.

Kahalani may vote against Oslo 2, Page 2

No defendants in Haifa – court adjourned

HAIFA Magistrate's Court recessed yesterday – for lack of defendants.

The court was actually in session all day, but for the first time in years, not a single defendant was brought before duty magistrate Judge Hanoch Shiloni for extension of remand or release on bail.

Generally, Shiloni deals with about 15 cases a day, but after the two-day Rosh Hashana break, no one was brought before him. Court clerks said with a smile that apparently all the criminals repented over the holiday. (Itim)

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Poll: Powell would beat Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) – Retired Gen. Colin Powell running as the Republican nominee would defeat President Clinton by 15 percentage points if the presidential election were held now, according to a new poll.

The *USA Today*/CNN/Gallup survey taken last weekend found Powell would best Clinton 54% to 39% and that Clinton would defeat Republican front-runner Bob Dole, 51% to 44%.

If Powell ran as an independent, he and Clinton would tie at 33% and Dole would get 30% – a statistical dead heat given the margin of error.

The poll found Dole and Powell deadlocked among Republicans at 31% each in a hypothetical race for the GOP nomination, with all other contenders in single digits.

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PLO leaders endorse Oslo 2 accord in Tunis

CAIRO (AP) — The PLO Executive Committee has endorsed the Oslo 2 accord with Israel on expanding Palestinian self-rule to the remainder of the territories, PLO officials said yesterday.

The approval came during a meeting Tuesday night in Tunis.

The officials said in telephone interviews that Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat had no difficulty persuading the seven committee members at the session to back the accord.

After Tuesday night's meeting, Yasser Abed Rabbo, a member of the committee, told reporters that the group "agreed in principle" on the accord, which calls for a phased pullback of IDF troops from cities, towns, villages and refugee camps in Judea and Samaria to allow for Palestinian elections.

However, Rabbo said the committee demanded that the Israeli redeployment "should start 10 days after the signing" of the pact today.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Tuesday that the PLO was still waiting to hear from Israel on a timetable for starting the withdrawal.

"At this moment we have not yet finalized dates for the redeployment, and that's a major hanging issue in the whole agreement," Erekat told reporters in Jericho. "I hope that we will be able to finish."

There are other remaining issues that haven't been resolved, including the fate of some 5,500 Palestinians still held in Israeli jails. Arafat also has demanded that the size of the autonomous area around the town of Jericho be expanded.

Abed Rabbo said that seven of the committee's remaining 10 members were at Tuesday's meeting. Eight have resigned over the peace process or are no longer participating.

One member expressed reservations over parts of the agreement, Abed Rabbo said without elaborating.

Among those who did not attend was Farouk Kaddoumi, who serves as the PLO's foreign minister and who has consistently opposed the peace deal with Israel.

PLO officials in Tunis said yesterday that Arafat had briefed Syrian President Hafez Assad on the accord. Arafat sent details on the deal to Assad through the Syrian charge d'affaires in Tunis, whom he met on Tuesday night.

The Syrian press on Tuesday described the PLO-Israel deal, to be signed in Washington today, as a "surrender" and said it would not force Syria to sign a similar agreement with Israel.

Arafat told Reuters last night he hoped the pact would clear the way for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East including Syria and Lebanon.

While in London yesterday en route to Washington, Arafat said he wants the division of Jerusalem between Arab and Jew.

"I am ready to have Jerusalem as a capital for two peoples and as a capital for two states as in Rome," Arafat said, referring to the Vatican's autonomy in the Italian capital.

"The east part will be for the Arabs and the west part for the Israelis," he added, talking to accompanying reporters at London's Heathrow Airport.

Earlier, Arafat met with Prime Minister John Major to discuss the agreement that will hand over most Arab-populated areas to Palestinian control after the IDF withdraws.

Major, standing alongside Arafat after the 30-minute meeting at the prime minister's Downing Street office, said he hoped elections could be held as early as December or January.

"I know the chairman [Arafat] has some very heavy negotiations still ahead of him next year," said Major. "But they have already determined the time-scale at which those talks will start. The prospects for the future seem brighter than any I can imagine just a short time ago."



Palestinians scuffle with IDF soldiers in Hebron yesterday as they try to evacuate a man suffering a heart attack. (AP)

PA officials lead Hebron protest

JON IMMANUEL

OFFICIALS of the Palestinian Authority led a march in Hebron yesterday to demonstrate their opposition to the Jewish settlement in the city, left in place under the Oslo 2 agreement.

Mutawakel Taha, the director-general of the Information and Culture Ministry, said, "We accept the leadership of Yasser Arafat.

"For well-known reasons he accepted temporary arrangements, but did not recognize the legality of the settlers."

The protests were meant as a warning because "the continued presence of the settlers is enough to torpedo the whole peace process regardless of the agreement in Taba," said Taha.

About 200 participated including Hebron Mayor Mustafe Natshe.

Gush Shalom leader Uri Avnery expressed solidarity with the people of "Al-Khalil."

Sheikh Tayseer Tamimi, a leading Hebron cleric, disputed Jewish religious claims to Hebron, saying Abraham was neither Jew nor Christian but a man who "surrendered himself to God," which in Arabic reads as "Hanifan-Muslem."

Border policemen prevented the marchers from entering the main street of the Old City to confront settlers.

Jordan Valley residents ask Rabin not to expand size of Jericho

JACOB DALLAL

JORDAN Valley residents appealed to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday not to enlarge the Palestinian enclave in Jericho when he discusses the issue with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Washington today.

In Taba, it was agreed that Rabin and Arafat would discuss the matter at the signing ceremony.

"The area of Jericho already borders on the [Jordan Valley] settlements, any further enlargement will be at our expense," said David Levy, head of the Jordan Valley Regional Council.

Levy said that the Prime Minister's Office responded to the residents' appeal by saying their security will be maintained. But Levy said he is waiting to see what emerges from the meeting.

Levy said the situation in Jericho has deteriorated since the Palestinians took control, and expanding the area would only make this worse.

"Jericho has turned into the Palestinian's West Point; it's the training ground for Jibril Rajoub's men," he said.

He advises Israelis living in areas which will soon border the Palestinian Authority to be alert.

"Take into account that the IDF is no longer responsible for security. Open your eyes more: watch your property, watch yourselves. We are not speaking of a sympathetic neighbor or one with whom there is peace in the classic sense of the word," Levy said.

Kahalani: I'll vote against agreement unless my questions are answered

MICHAL YUDELMAN

MK Avigdor Kahalani of The Third Way said yesterday that unless Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin can persuade him that Israel's security will be preserved under the Oslo 2 agreement, he will vote against it.

Kahalani said he insists on seeing the agreement and receiving the details of the three-part withdrawal from the "C" zone which is in Israel's control before making up his mind.

'I believe this is an important agreement," Kahalani said. "I am in favor of separating between us and the Arabs, I am for the peace process, I don't want to remain in Jenin or in Kalkilya. But I have questions and nobody can give me an answer."

"Whoever put me in the Knesset expects me to preserve the state and monitor the government. If I receive satisfactory answers to my questions, I will support the agreement. But before I vote, I have a right to see a map, to know what the agreement leads to and to where we will withdraw."

"I don't want Rabin's government to fall and I am filled with admiration for Rabin the man," he said. "But [according to the agreement] the problem of Jerusalem will not be solved, nor will the issues of the permanent borders, the water, the Palestinians right of return... Why aren't these issues settled now, why are they getting rid of all the assets and putting these bombs on our threshold, to explode in our faces? Who can assure us that terrorists won't penetrate into Israel and we will not be able to act against them?"

MK Emanuel Zissman announced yesterday that he will vote against the Oslo 2 agreement, as he had done when the government approved the first part of it. He estimated that Kahalani will also vote against it "since he took part in two meetings of the Third Way institutions, at which the Oslo agreement was unanimously rejected."

Ross: Signing will push donors to improve PA cash flow

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

TODAY'S Oslo 2 signing ceremony in Washington will provide the impetus to pressure donor countries to improve the flow of pledges to the Palestinian Authority, US special Middle East peace process coordinator Dennis Ross said yesterday.

Ministers representing the countries comprising the ad-hoc liaison committee of donors to the Palestinian cause will meet after the signing today at the State Department to discuss improving disbursement of aid to the PA.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PA Economics Minister Ahmed Qreia will make presentations to the gathering, as well as to the newly founded US-Israel-Palestinian economic development panel that will convene for the first time tomorrow morning.

Dennis Ross said the donors gathering is not meant to raise funds beyond the $2.4 billion that was pledged two years ago, which he called "sufficient."

"The problem has not been the pledging. The problem has been the delivery," he said.

Tomorrow, Rabin will meet with King Hussein and then with several congressional leaders before heading to New York for Shabbat. Rabin will also meet tonight with Mubarak at the official US government guest residence Blair House. However, no meetings are scheduled here between Rabin and Arafat.

Asked whether the agreement is likely to encourage or deter Palestinian terrorism against Israelis, Ross acknowledged that while "one can't predict these kinds of things, what one hopes for is that the Israeli security capabilities and Palestinian security capabilities can choke off these kinds of acts that ... have no purpose except to try to destroy peace."

Syrian, Lebanese and Gulf officials will attend today's events, Ross said.

Following Clinton's meeting with Arafat and then with Rabin, the five leaders will assemble for more than an hour to discuss how to "expand the process of peace" and "what can be done at an economic level among the parties," Ross said. They will then proceed to the Green Room where maps attached to the agreement will be signed.

In a briefing for reporters, Ross said the bringing together of Rabin, Hussein, Mubarak and Arafat will be a "remarkable gathering" that "demonstrates not only support for what has been done, but also a kind of recognition of the significance of it."

Merom: If Knesset rejects Oslo 2, early elections will be necessary

MICHAL YUDELMAN

IF THE Oslo 2 agreement is not approved by the Knesset next Thursday, there will be no choice but to dissolve the House and hold early elections, House Committee chairman Haggai Merom said yesterday.

Merom said that although he is not versed in the constitutional implications, "in my opinion, dissolving the Knesset will be inevitable. Because even if the vote is not declared a confidence motion, it implies confidence in the government's main political direction."

He said that should the Knesset vote against the agreement, the government cannot keep its commitments to the PLO. "The issue is the government's ability to govern. Once it loses its ability to do so, it must go to elections," he said.

Merom expressed confidence, however, that the agreement will be approved, although the decision will probably be made at the very last moment.

Speaker Shevah Weiss said that rejection of a political proposal of such magnitude presented by the cabinet would be unprecedented, and therefore there is no set formalistic answer to the question 'what would happen if.'

"The possibility that Oslo 2 will not be approved by the Knesset is so serious and unprecedented, that I cannot envision it. If it comes about, the legal experts will have to hammer out the constitutional implications, while the government will have to deal with the public ones," he said.

Weiss stressed that the Knesset has already approved the Oslo agreement, of which Oslo 2 is "a branching out. The cabinet could well have decided not even to present Oslo 2 for Knesset approval, on the basis of its approval of Oslo 1."

He noted that if it appears that the coalition will not have the required majority, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin may conclude that he cannot continue and reach agreement for early elections with the Likud. Another possibility might be to amend the agreement and bring it for Knesset approval again.

High Court: Signing can go on

THE High Court of Justice yesterday threw out a petition by Likud MK Dov Shilansky, who demanded that the government first bring Oslo 2 before the Knesset before signing it.

Justices Theodor Or and Eliahu Mazza argued that the government is not obligated to bring diplomatic accords to the Knesset before they are signed.

Shilansky had argued that it is unimaginable that so important an agreement would be signed without the Knesset approval. (Itim)

TA woman killed by bus

A TEL AVIV woman was killed after being it by a bus yesterday. Patricia Ann Baker, 50, a new immigrant from England, was struck as she was crossing Derech Petah Tikva at a crosswalk.

Baker crossed a lane marked "public transportation only" when she was hit, and *died on the* scene. The driver, 40, of Bnei Brak, was held for questioning. (Itim)

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Shohat reportedly urged the ministers not to tinker with details because "this is a take it or leave it situation. There is no point in harping any particular aspect of the agreement, because clearly there is nothing here which can be changed."

Rabin and Peres showered each other with compliments and stated that "never in history was there such cooperation between a prime minister and a foreign minister."

Foreign Ministry legal adviser Yoel Singer and OC Planning Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran took part in the meeting.

In explaining his abstention, Shetreet said, "I feel that the Israeli negotiators did not stand their ground firmly enough and came away with less than they could have. They did not have their goals defined clearly enough and gave in on too many points, including the Jewish holy places."

Segev also complained that "there were no defined end objectives before the negotiators." He also said he "could not vote for the release of convicted terrorists with blood on their hands."

Interior Minister Ehud Barak described the agreement as "the child of Oslo 1, the grandchild of the Madrid Conference, and the great grandchild of Camp David."

But Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer stressed that "this is a complete departure from what went before. The dream of Greater Israel is dead and buried forever. We will no longer rule another people. The occupation is over. A new chapter in Israel's history is now opening."

Clinton will hold separate one-on-one meetings this morning with Rabin and Arafat, and tomorrow with Mubarak and Hussein. He will also host a working luncheon with the four following the signing.

King Hussein yesterday praised the accord, saying it gave "special impetus" to the peace process.

"It gives us the feeling that the peace camp is determined to keep going, to achieve a comprehensive peace in the region," he said.

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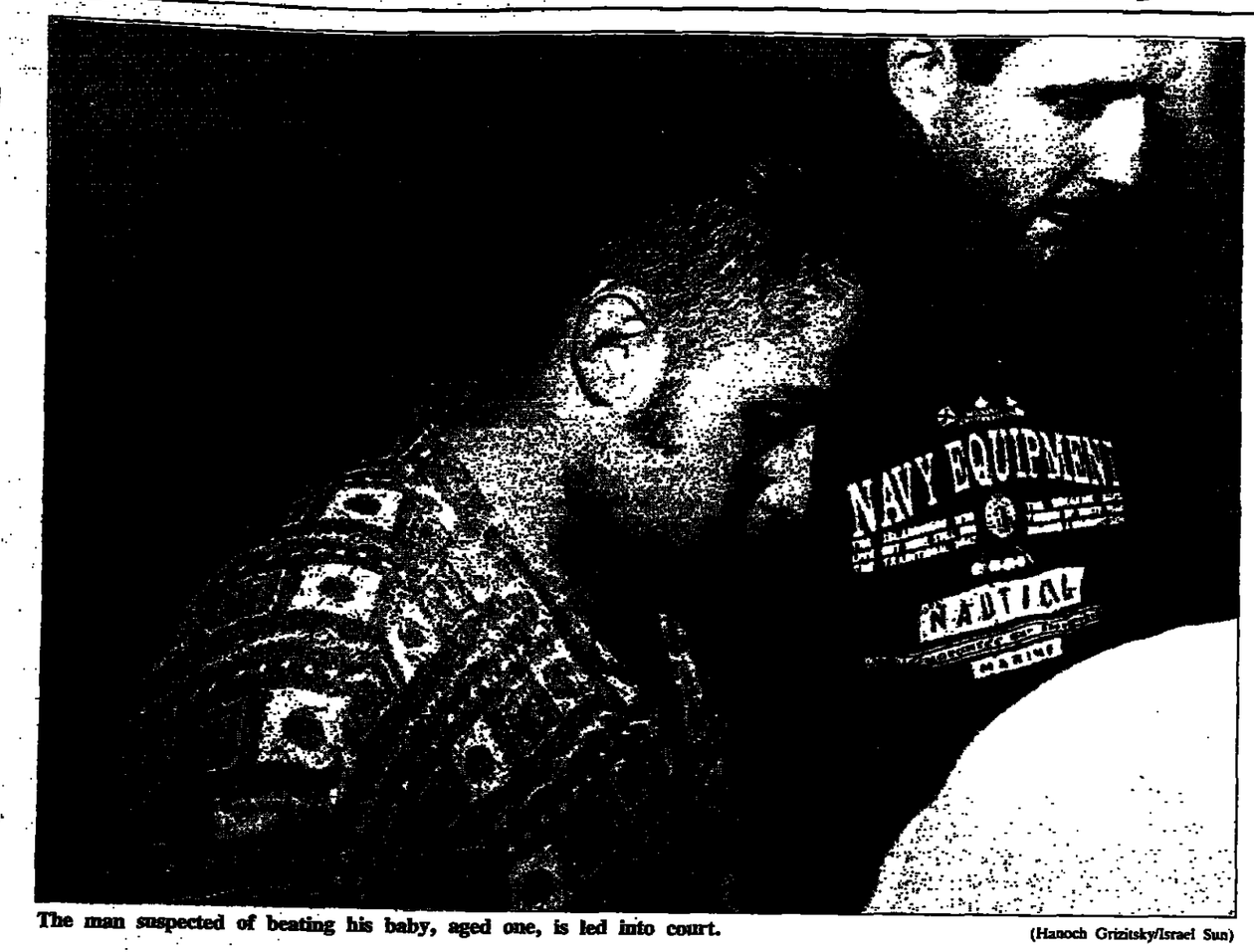
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The man suspected of beating his baby, aged one, is led into court. (Hanoch Grizitsky/Israel Sun)

Father suspected of fracturing baby's skull remanded

THE father arrested on suspicion of fracturing the skull of his one-year-old baby boy was remanded for eight days yesterday by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court.

The man, 22, was arrested during Rosh Hashana, after he brought the baby to Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tivka, saying he would not stop crying. Doctors found that he was suffering from extensive injuries, including a damaged retina, and that his legs had been previously broken twice. The baby's mother was arrested Tuesday night.

Police told the court that the baby had suffered irreversible injuries and the circumstances of the alleged abuse, including a previous hospitalization for a broken leg, must be investigated. The retinal damage could result in a loss of sight in one eye, the police representative said.

Police said they believe the parents are cooperating to hinder the investigation and that both of them abused the baby.

Judge Nira Diskin rejected a defense request to release the father on house arrest, saying that the incident was "very grave" and involved an innocent baby who doctors had determined had been beaten.

Police will request the remand of the mother this morning.

The hospital said yesterday that the baby had improved slightly, but is still in serious condition.

After the first incident in which the baby's legs were broken, city social workers visited the couple's home and concluded that the baby had fallen. (Itim)

5 injured, 1 critically, in Petah Tikva oil factory explosion

FIVE people were injured, one critically in an explosion and fire at an oil refinery in Petah Tikva yesterday.

It took eight fire trucks and their crews to finally get the fire, which spread to the third floor of the Tit-Bayit cooking oil refinery in the Kiryat Arye industrial zone, under control.

Edward Roseman, 27, and his father, Natan, 57, were among the injured. Roseman suffered burns all over his body and was in critical condition, while his father suffered second- and third-degree burns and was in moderate condition.

Two other employees were severely burned, with all the injuries coming after workers were trapped on a burning floor until rescue teams could evacuate them. One firefighter was lightly injured and taken to Hasharon Hospital.

The blast was heard at 10:26, with fire quickly spreading throughout the third floor, trapping the workers. Firefighters were only able to gain control of the fire at about 1 p.m.

Avraham Blach, commander of the Petah Tikva fire station, said an initial investigation of the fire showed the explosion at the refinery was apparently caused by the temperature rising to a dangerous level or by overly high pressure levels.

Blach said there had been accidents at similar plants in the past, including at the nearby Etz Hazayit plant, which also produces cooking oil.

Tit-Bayit operates on high octane gasoline heated to extremely high temperatures. Environment Ministry officials are also investigating the blast. (Itim)

Higher speed limit has not led to more accidents

HAIM SHAPIRO

RAISING the speed limit on some highways to 100 kph has not resulted in an increase in road accidents, according to a Transport Ministry commission of experts, which saw no reason to lower the limit.

However, the commission, headed by Moshe Livne of the Technion, did recommend lowering the maximum speed for trucks to 10 kilometers less than that permitted for cars on interurban highways. The commission also recommended a speed limit of 30 kph around facilities such as schools, kindergartens, and community centers.

It also recommended appointing a permanent follow-up commission to monitor the causes of accidents, to recommend ways of reducing them, and to set speed limits for various roads.

According to the commission, the number of road accidents here is not significantly greater than in other countries.

Israel was sixth from the bottom in the number of road deaths per kilometer of highway, and had fewer deaths per kilometer than such countries as France, Belgium, Italy, and Australia.

Man convicted in cinema murder gets life

TEL Aviv District Court yesterday convicted Avner Tawil, 50, of Kfar Shalem, of the 1990 murder of Haim Salman, the manager of the Rav Chen cinema in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Circle, and sentenced him to life in prison.

Tawil, who murdered Salman while trying to rob him of a sack of cash, was also given a seven-year sentence for robbery.

Tawil came to the theater early in the morning, intending to steal the cash revenues which he knew Salman deposited in the bank each morning. He waited from him to leave the theater, ten knocked im down and tried to grab the sack. However, Salman struggled and refused to release the bag.

Tawil then shot him three times, and was still unable to steal the bag from Salman, who was holding on to it tightly although he was bleeding heavily from abdominal wounds. Passersby then arrived and Tawil fled on his motorcycle. Salman died shortly after.

After the murder, Tawil was convicted of robbing a Bank Lemmi branch in Tel Aviv in November 1993, and a Bank Discount branch in the city the following February. He was also found guilty of stealing NIS 5,383 from a cafeteria at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer.

Tawil denied that he had murdered Salman.

In sentencing, the court noted that having committed a murder was not enough for Tawil and that he continued a life of crime. (Itim)

Microwave kills toddler; mother to be charged

AN accident at home resulted in the death of a two-year-old Beersheba boy yesterday.

The incident came to light when a cabbie flagged down a passing ambulance and asked it to take the boy, unconscious and suffering from a severe head wound and burns on his chest, to the hospital. By the time the ambulance reached Soroka Hospital, however, the boy was dead. His death was attributed to severe head trauma.

Police, who had been notified by the hospital, located the boy's mother. She told them the boy had been left alone at home and that a microwave oven had fallen on his head. The police were investigating her version of events and said she would be charged with negligently causing a death. (Itim)

Baby born after doctors free block in urinary system

JUDY SIEGEL

A BABY has been born at Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital after doctors twice freed a blockage in his urinary system *in utero* that had endangered his mother's life and exploded one of his kidneys.

Dr. Rafael Pollak, of the obstetrics/gynecology department, who consulted with experts here and abroad before carrying out the invasive treatment in the 21st week of pregnancy, said surgery on a fetus at such an early stage is extremely rare, and draining of a cyst in a fetus has never been reported in the medical literature.

The blockage caused the accumulation of liquid around the kidney, forming a cyst that filled a third of the fetus's abdominal cavity. The doctors decided to drain the liquid to save both the mother and the fetus.

Inserting a fine needle through the mother's abdomen, guided by ultrasound, the doctors pricked and drained the cyst. The condition of the fetus stabilized, but a week later, they found cyst had reformed.

They repeated the procedure, and this time it disappeared for good.

The baby was born and is now going for follow up by a pediatric nephrologist.

He can live a healthy life with only one kidney.



Alexander Argov (Uzi Keren)

Alexander Argov dies at 81

COMPOSER Alexander Argov, an Israel Prize Laureate in Hebrew song, died yesterday in Tel Aviv at 81.

Argov was born in Moscow, started composing at 5 and beganhis formal musical training at 6. He immigrated to Palestine with his parents in 1934, and met director Gershon Plotkin, who got him to volunteer to write the music for various performances for the kibbutz movement.

To support himself, he worked as a bank clerk for 20 years, then became a partner in a firm which imported and marketed Russian-language books.

During the War of Independence, he wrote for several military performing groups, and continued to do so afterwards, particularly for the Nahal group.

He also composed for civilian groups, for the theater, particularly the Cameri, and wrote the scores for several films.

His funeral will take place on Friday at noontime at the Yarkon Cemetery. (Itim)

Goalie saves Domino's from holdup

A SOCCER goalie helped foil the theft of NIS 40,000 from a Domino's Pizza delivery boy who was about to deposit the money in a Ramat Gan bank yesterday.

The messenger, Yaron Hazan, 24, left the Domino's branch on Ibn Gvirol Street on a motorcycle and was carrying a bag of money, the branch's take for the Rosh Hashana holiday. He arrived at Bank Mizrahi in Ramat Gan, parked his bike on the sidewalk and went into the bank.

He told police he was then ambushed in the bank's entrance by two robbers who knocked him over and tried to pull the sack away from him. "They managed to grab the bag away from me, but I shouted as loud as I could, 'I'm being robbed.'" Hazan said. The two robbers, who Hazan said appeared to be about 17, ran out of the bank.

At the time of the robbery, soccer goalie Sholi Gilardi, of Maccabi Herzliya, was in the bank with his baby daughter. He gave his baby to one of the customers in the bank and ran out to chase the robbers. After chasing them for several hundred meters, Gilardi shouted to them that he was armed and if they did not drop the bag he would shoot them. The robbers continued on for another few hundred meters, threw down the bag and then fled.

Gilardi took the bag, went back to the bank and gave it back to the messenger.

Domino's Pizza decided to reward Gilardi by giving him a year's supply of pizza and also sent flowers to his house. (Itim)

Anti-smoking group praises Shohat

THE Israel Forum for the Prevention of Smoking yesterday praised Finance Minister Avraham Shohat for significantly raising excise taxes on cigarettes. He was denounced in newspaper ads by "Dubek workers." Large ads signed "Dubek workers" appeared in the Hebrew papers, attacking Shohat for increasing taxes on locally made cigarettes and less so on imported brands. The unions claimed this would put Dubek employees out of work and "give jobs" to tobacco company workers abroad.

The forum, comprised of the Israel Cancer Association, the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking, and other groups, said that higher cigarette prices will deter people – especially the young – from smoking or starting to smoke. It noted that whenever cigarette prices fall, as in 1988, the smoking rate increases.

Even so, Israeli cigarettes remain among the cheapest in the Western world. *Judy Siegel*

El Al passenger claims Ramon took over tourist section

PASSENGERS on an El Al flight from Beijing to Tel Aviv were forced to "crowd" together at the back of the plane so Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon and several other VIPs could "spread out in tourist class," according to a passenger on the flight.

Prof. Yair Shapira, director of the Heller Institute at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, who was returning from a medical conference in Shanghai, told Israel Radio that he overheard an El Al official tell the group of VIPs: "People, I worked it out ... I ordered the back of the plane to be more crowded so that each of you could have at least four seats so you can sleep at night."

Shapira said that was exactly what happened. "In the back of the plane, a bunch of Chinese apparently on their way to work in Israel were terribly crowded together in a way which reminded me of certain types of boats that traveled from Africa to America."

Shapira said the wife of the Israeli ambassador to Beijing, the consul in Beijing, and an El Al representative sat near the front of the plane with the "aristocrats."

"Furthest up sat Haim Ramon who got eight seats, two rows, which created a sort of bedroom for him," Shapira said.

He added that passengers who asked to move up so they could make use of the sound system, which wasn't working in the back, were barred from doing so.

El Al spokesman Nahman Kleiman said in response: "There were some 180 empty seats on this flight. Most of the passengers took more than one seat to rest and enjoy the situation."

Ruti Kaplan, director of the Knesset Speaker's Office and the organizer of the delegation that included Ramon, said: "The Speaker's standing order is that we use tourist class. Haim Ramon did not have eight seats. There was nothing unusual, and I saw other people with open seats, and we certainly didn't ask for anything."

"The gap between what she said and what really happened is very wide," Shapira insisted.

Ramon refused to respond. (Itim)

Heat damage to crops reaches NIS 5m.

Damage to crops from the summer heat wave has been estimated at NIS 5 million, according to report by the agricultural insurance fund released yesterday.

The most damage occurred on two unusually hot days in May during which mango, lichee and fruit from deciduous trees were destroyed. The most hard-hit areas were the Jordan Valley and north of Lake Kinneret. The total area hit by the heat wave was some 9,000 dunams. *Itim*

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Bosnian peace accord faces hurdles

NEW YORK (AP) – Bosnia's factions have agreed on a formula for sharing power once the war ends, but major hurdles remain – there's still no cease-fire and they disagree on the role of the central government.

"There is no guarantee of success, but today's agreement moves us closer to the ultimate goal of a genuine peace," President Clinton said in announcing the results of Tuesday's meeting in New York.

However, Bosnia's prime minister optimistically predicted the agreement could lead to an end to the war within weeks.

"If the international community keeps this firm position, if it does not back down, does not get tricked by the regime in Belgrade – they are experts in this – I would venture to say we can have peace in weeks," Haris Silajdzic told reporters in Sarajevo yesterday.

The accord by the foreign ministers of Bosnia, Croatia and Serb-dominated Yugoslavia builds on a breakthrough achieved in Geneva on September 8. That agreement kept Bosnia's external borders intact while dividing the state internally between the Moslem-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serb republic.

Bosnian Serb nationalists, who rebelled in April 1992 with hopes of uniting their holdings with neighboring Serbia, oppose a strong central authority. Moslems, who insist on keeping Bosnia united, want to make the government as powerful as possible.

Tuesday's agreement obliges the two entities to create a joint government consisting of a presidency, parliament and constitutional court. Those institutions would be established after general elections to be held once conditions improve sufficiently to guarantee a fair ballot.

Left undecided was how many people would make up the collective presidency. As in the the case of the parliament, two-thirds would be elected from the Croat-Moslem federation and the remainder from Serb territory.

The power-sharing formula is enormously complex. Presidential decisions would be taken by majority vote, but if one-third of the group disagrees and declares it to be "destructive of a vital interest" it would be referred to that entity's parliament. If two-thirds of the members of that entity's parliament voted against the action, it would not take effect.

"Psychologically, probably the most important thing is that the warring parties are meeting together," US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said.

"I think the correlation of forces is such that we have a chance for a cease-fire and now we have to work very hard to get one. We have to keep up the momentum," he said on NBC-TV's *Today* show.

Battlefields in Bosnia were generally quiet yesterday, and the media was optimistic.

"Bosnia Closer to Peace," trumpeted the front-page headline of the *Oslobodjenje* daily in Sarajevo.



Two elderly women move past a French UN soldier in Sarajevo yesterday. The city remained relatively quiet as warring factions were talking peace. (AP)

Prosecution pieces together Simpson murder puzzle

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Jurors yesterday once again heard Nicole Brown Simpson's anguished voice calling for police help and her ex-husband raging as he stormed her home in October 1993.

"I'm just a messenger, and I think you get the message, and you get the message straight out of his mouth," prosecutor Chris Darden told jurors in the second day of closing arguments in O.J. Simpson's murder trial, one of the most celebrated criminal cases in US history.

Simpson, the former football star, is accused of killing his ex-wife and her friend, Ronald Goldman, on June 12, 1994.

On the 1993 tape, a sobbing Ms. Simpson pleads for help after Simpson broke down her door; Simpson can be heard cursing in the background. Later in the tape, Darden said, Ms. Simpson can be heard trying to calm Simpson down. It shows she has been in that situation before, the prosecutor said.

Darden also asked jurors to recall testimony from Ms. Simpson's sister, Denise Brown, who said Simpson called his wife "a fat pig" when she was pregnant. "That is some indication of how he really felt about her," Darden said.

The Simpsons' relationship was on and off through May 22, 1994, when Ms. Simpson found the "courage" to break up.

The prosecutors closing summations, which cap presentations that began eight months ago, will be followed by arguments from defense attorneys Johnnie Cochran Jr. and Barry Scheck. The jury will then begin its deliberations and render a verdict.

On Tuesday, prosecutor Marcia Clark spent most of the emotional court day going over the physical evidence in the case, sometimes having to talk over the sobs of relatives of the victims and of Simpson.

Delivering a closing argument that grew more powerful throughout the long court day, Clark disavowed her own police witness as a racist and ridiculed a defense contamination-conspiracy theory as "far-fetched."

Each point she made to the jury – about shoe prints, strands of hair, bloodstains and fibers from the carpet in Simpson's Bronco – were pieces in a murder puzzle, she told jurors. As she assembled these "pieces" throughout the day, an actual picture puzzle was projected on the giant screen overhead. When all the pieces were in place, it showed Simpson's face.

"There it is," Clark declared.

She handed off to Darden, who reinforced the prosecution's motive theory. The prosecutor spoke of Simpson's bad temper.

As Clark did, Darden quickly distanced himself from retired Detective Mark Fuhrman, who testified that he never used that word in the last decade, only to have his voice on tape spewing that very racial epithet. Fuhrman said he found a bloody glove on Simpson's estate; the defense has attacked him as a racist capable of framing Simpson.

Russian coast guard fires on unmarked boat

MOSCOW (Reuter) – Russia said yesterday its coast guard opened fire on an unmarked boat poaching in Russia's far eastern territorial waters and wounded the captain.

Lieutenant-General Vitaly Sedykh, who commands border forces in the Pacific region, told Itar-Tass news agency 10 boats had been detected poaching to the south of Sakhalin Island. They did not react to warning signals or to shots fired in the air.

The incident appeared to be the same as one reported by Tokyo, where the Foreign Ministry said Russian coast guard vessels opened fire on two Japanese fishing boats in waters north of Japan's northern island of Hokkaido.

Sedykh said his vessel fired one shot at one boat, damaging the craft and wounding the captain. The boat had been detained and was being towed to the Sakhalin port of Nevelsk.

He said the wounded captain had been flown to a military hospital by helicopter. Reinforcements had been sent to the region to detain the other nine boats.

Another top border guards officer told Tass the detained boat, which carried identification number HK-3-119528, had about one tonne of octopuses on board.

Rear-Admiral Sergei Skalinov, borderguard forces' chief of staff, said he regretted that coast guards had to shoot at border violators, though they acted in full compliance with the law. He blamed Japan for encouraging border violations.

"Such conflicts are caused by the position of the Japanese side in territorial issues," Skalinov said.

He was referring to a decades-long dispute between Moscow and Tokyo over four small Kurile islands near Sakhalin, seized by the Soviet troops at the end of World War Two.

Tokyo, calling them its "northern territories" demands that the islands be returned and says its boats have the right to fish there. Moscow says the islands belong to it.

Ciller: Opposition rejected coalition offer

ANKARA (Reuter) – Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller said yesterday the opposition Motherland Party's (ANAP) leader Mesut Yilmaz had not accepted her conditions for forming a conservative coalition government.

Ciller told reporters that Yilmaz, who announced earlier he had agreed to her four terms, had not been sincere in his acceptance. Yilmaz said earlier he had accepted Ciller's terms and set some of his own. These included the inclusion in a coalition protocol of early June elections and giving ANAP eight cabinet posts, including the foreign ministry, finance and justice ministries and control over the economy.

Ciller set out four conditions – which she said were not negotiable – for a coalition with her conservative True Path Party (DYP), including a demand that Yilmaz take a leading position in any alliance.

She also proposed that elections could be held next June, ahead of scheduled polls in October 1996, that the government not be just a stop-gap measure and that the number of cabinet seats shared out reflect parliamentary strength.

Court condemns Britain in IRA Gibraltar killing

STRASBOURG (AP) – British commandos used excessive force in the 1988 killings of three IRA members in Gibraltar, the European Court of Human Rights said yesterday.

However, the court dismissed a compensation claim by the victim's relatives, saying the three had been planning to plant a bomb in the British colony on the southern tip of Spain.

British commandos shot the three Irish Republican Army suspects repeatedly and at close range as they were walking along a Gibraltar street on March 6, 1988. Critics said they were following a British government "shoot to kill" policy aimed at the IRA.

The government denied such a policy existed and said the suspects were planning to detonate a car bomb, but no weapons or bomb detonators were found on the bodies of Sean Savage, Mairead Farrell or Daniel McCann.

The court ruled yesterday the authorities had had prior warning of the impending terrorist action and had "ample" opportunity to plan their reaction, foil the attack and arrest the suspects.

"The court was not persuaded that the killing of the three terrorists constituted a use of force which was no more than absolutely necessary," the judges said.

"The court accepted that the soldiers honestly believed, in the light of the information that they had been given that it was necessary to shoot the suspects in order to prevent them from detonating a bomb and causing serious loss of life," the judgment said.

But it went on to say that "in the court's view, insufficient allowances appear to have been made for other assumptions."

It said Britain violated an article of the Human Rights Convention which guarantees the right to life.

The European Court of Human Rights is part of the Council of Europe, which was founded to promote human rights and democracy in Europe. Its decision are non-binding on member countries, although they carry moral weight.

Yesterday's decision overturns a decision last year by the Commission on Human Rights, which advises the court. The commission ruled that the shootings were "absolutely necessary for the legitimate aim of the defense of others from unlawful violence."

Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine said Britain would not review its security policy and procedures in light of the court's decision.

"We shall do nothing. We will pursue our right to fight terrorism, to protect innocent people, wherever we have jurisdiction. And we will not be swayed or deterred in any way by this ludicrous decision of the court."

The leader of the IRA's political allies called for an independent international judicial investigation into all "disputed killings" by British forces.

NATO sets 'nuclear' conditions for membership

JONATHAN CLAYTON

BRUSSELS

NATO says plans to extend alliance membership to its former Warsaw Pact enemies must include the right to station tactical nuclear weapons and troops on the territory of new members in the event of conflict.

A 30-page alliance study on how to enlarge the most powerful military alliance ever created says new members have to embrace fully the concept of nuclear deterrence at the heart of alliance defence strategy.

"The supreme guarantee of the security of the allies is provided by the strategic nuclear forces of the alliance. New allies will share the benefits and responsibilities from this in the same way as other allies," the study states.

The study stresses the need for good relations with Russia, but repeats Moscow will have no veto on the matter. It states enlargement will enhance European security by underpinning the new democracies.

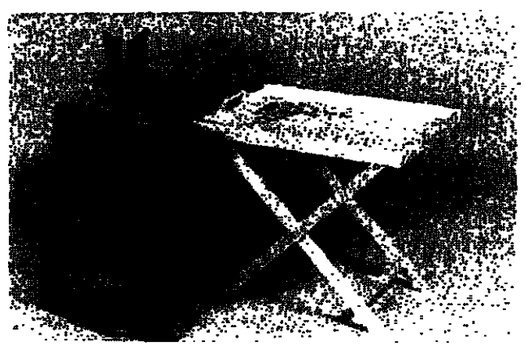
The study, due to be unveiled by NATO Secretary General Willy Claes today, rules out any form of "second tier" membership of the alliance.

"New members will be expected to support the concept of deterrence and the essential alliance strategy of war prevention," it says, adding:

"It is important for NATO's force structure that other Allies' forces can be deployed, when and if appropriate on the territory of new members.

The study, which could lead to the biggest shake-up of the alliance since its creation in 1949, mentions no countries nor any time frame, but does not rule out more than one wave of expansion. (Reuter)

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Bosnian hero comes home after long struggle

The leader of Bosnia's Jews stayed to help his community during three years of brutal war. David Isaacson reports



Ivan Ceresnjes plans to continue working until all Bosnian Jews who want to leave can do so. (Richard Lobell)

ACCORDING to the Talmud, every Jew is responsible for his fellow Jews. But in times of great danger, only a hero would repeatedly risk his life and suffer years of deprivation in order to help others. One such figure, though he hates the label "hero," is 44-year-old Ivan Ceresnjes.

For more than three years, Ceresnjes, chairman of Bosnian Jewry and an architect by profession, passed up opportunities to leave besieged Sarajevo, preferring to remain, to look after the community. In "the most critical months of 1993," Ceresnjes enjoyed greater freedom of movement than most of his compatriots, thanks to the help of the foreign press. In appointing him a foreign correspondent, *The Jerusalem Post* for example enabled him to travel on behalf of the community.

Of the Jewish casualties, there have to date been seven deaths, about two dozen wounded and of course widespread damage to property.

Exhausted and despairing, Ceresnjes recently immigrated, joining his wife Milka (44), who works part-time for the WJC, and sons Alexander (16), Andrei (14) and Ivan (12), who all left for Jerusalem in August 1992.

Not that the diffident, soft-spoken Ceresnjes has given up the struggle to care for Sarajevo's 491 Jews, and the 500 in Bosnia's five smaller communities. Despite, or because of, his pessimism about Bosnia's future, he plans to return to continue his work "until all those who want to leave, can do so."

Bosnian law forbids the emigration of men of draft age (18 to 60), of those in professions such as medicine, "and other specialists." Getting people out has therefore required great ingenuity. Ceresnjes is deeply grateful to the World Jewish Congress for its political support, and to the Jewish Agency, not only for its constant presence in Sarajevo, but for its work in absorbing Bosnian newcomers here.

"[The Bosnian refugees] are different from other immigrants," he says. "They arrive with literally nothing other than plastic bags."

Today the Sarajevan community is decimated. "When the war started, there were 1,300 Jews in Sarajevo," Ceresnjes recalls. "We organized 11 evacuations" in the course of which 800 Jewish refugees, including 200 children, came to this country. "Little by little they were joined by their parents, and now most of the families here are complete."

The evacuations also took 150 mainly elderly refugees to Serbia and Croatia, 100 to the UK, a similar number to Spain, and a few to Canada, Switzerland and Austria.

Since the civil war began, some 400 Sarajevans have "come out" as Jews. "We check them out with regard to aliya, but when it comes to aid, we don't care whether they're Jewish or not," says Ceresnjes. Referring to the bitter experiences of the Holocaust, he sympathizes with those who sought to conceal their Jewishness from officials making lists: "I respect their fear, but also their needs."

Many doors appear to have been opened as a result of the Jewish community's reputation for distributing its aid – received primarily from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the London-based World Jewish Relief – on a non-sectarian basis. Ceresnjes is especially happy about the way Diaspora fundraisers such as WJR's Eli Benson "always treated us as partners, not beneficiaries." Zionist philanthropists take note.

Supported by this partnership, the Sarajevo community's charity, La Benevolencia, set up food kitchens, pharmacies and communications with the outside world for the whole city, thereby becoming "famous throughout Bosnia." Ceresnjes notes that this is a rare occasion in history where local Jews "are seen not as targets but as...." He does not like the word, but agrees that the Jews are like "saviors."

On his own long, arduous escape – a dangerous journey in which a 15-km. drive could take six hours – across Mount Igman and through Croatia, Ceresnjes found that his fame preceded him. At one of numerous checkpoints, at which a wrong answer could have terrifying consequences, a "serious-looking" commander of the Bosnian border police surprised him with the words "It's a pleasure to meet you."

But such civility is a rarity in Bosnia. In Sarajevo alone, the 1992 population of 650,000 is now down to less than 250,000. In 41 months, 15,000 Sarajevans, including 1,500 children, have been killed by shells and snipers. And 1,500 are missing limbs. "It's a city of invalids," Ceresnjes says sadly. Hard as he tries, Ceresnjes can't see any light at the end of Bosnia's terrible tunnel.

"People call me 'the Dark Prophet' but I just don't see any bright colors. I doubt that the combatants have the goodwill needed to end the war. As a friend of mine said, 'There is no force that can end the war by force, and no mind that can divide the country in a way that will satisfy everyone.' "

Neither is he optimistic about the NATO air-strikes on the Bosnian Serbs, which are "three years late and [by political necessity] very limited."

Anxious to maintain the Jewish community's neutrality, Ceresnjes is reluctant to either discuss the subterfuge going on behind the scenes or to apportion blame for the tragedy: "A lot of dirty work has been done and we need time to know who did what. Only in the future, when the history of the war is recorded, will things become clearer."

He compares the situation to the last 10 days of World War II, when hundreds of thousands of Yugoslav civilians were massacred, though the details came to light only recently.

Nine in every ten of Yugoslavia's Jews perished in the Holocaust. Prior to that there was "no antisemitism" in the country, and after the war, under Tito, "antisemitism was prohibited, even after 1967 when Yugoslavia broke off ties with Israel." Ceresnjes remembers how, in the days of the Iron Curtain, Tito met frequently with WJC leader Nahum Goldman, and Yugoslavia served as an escape route for East Europe's Jews.

Now Ceresnjes feels that the time has come to rejoin his family and make up for the years in which they've been parted. He has been here many times before, first as a youth leader, and more recently to visit his wife and sons. "In the end, I came home," he says.



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Louis Feraud in retrospect

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ANYONE expecting to find something innovative in the showing of the Louis Feraud fall/winter collection was sadly disappointed. Sponsored by Silhouette, which represents Louis Feraud in Israel, the benefit show at the Tel Aviv Hilton in aid of Shma, the association for the hearing impaired, could frankly be summed up in four words. Quality, yes. Novelty, no.

To those familiar with Feraud's fashion signature, the collection was much more in the nature of a retrospective exhibition than a couture update.

Yes, it is very difficult to inject something refreshingly different into lines reflecting pure classicism, but the only effort Feraud seemed to have made in this direction was via some glaring prints, which were too bright, too busy and in some cases, too gross.

But for a younger generation which may be unfamiliar with Feraud, the hour-glass silhouettes, the smart, single- and double-breasted jackets frequently framed in contrasting piping, the three-quarter-length swagger coats and the reversible quilted cocoon coats were an exciting change from the loose, flowing patchworks which were so prevalent here throughout the summer.

Feraud's hemlines on generally narrow skirts, tend to hover just above the knee, but occasionally move a little higher or lower.

His three-piece ensembles more frequently include shawls or car coats than vests; and his palette, though dominated by hot pinks, reds and various shades of gray, offers a rainbow of choices.

Although much of the collection exploits a single theme in a series of different color plays, a closer look reveals that Feraud has gone for the jugular. The greatest sense of variety is in his necklines with collarless, mandarin, shawl-collared, funnel-necked, scarf-necked and both wide- and narrow-lapelled necklines in day wear; and low-cut pear-shaped, heart-shaped, bateau and moderate-to-plunging vees for evening wear. The evening skirts are also much fuller.

Animal-rights groups appear to have lost their battle with the fashion world. Feraud is one of many designers who this season is using genuine furs and leathers.

As for price, a Louis Feraud outfit represents for many people more than a month's salary. Starting prices are NIS 2,500 for jackets, NIS 850 for skirts, NIS 1,200 for pants, NIS 3,500 for dresses and NIS 3,500 for coats.

Yes, a designer label does not come cheap, and there are still people who are more status conscious than taste conscious.

Only last week, I was charmed by a Guy Laroche dress in one of the better-known boutiques. "It's not your size," sniffed the sales women as she whipped the garment out of my grasp. "We have a dress in your size by the same designer," she said, producing something which was quite frankly hideous. "But I'm not buying the designer" I retorted. "I'm buying a dress – and this is not it."

The withering look she gave me translated into a single word: Peasant!

But today, there is almost no such thing as designer exclusivity. Several concepts associated with Feraud, for instance, have been emulated by Escada, Laurel and Cerruti as well as other top-line fashion houses. Which all goes to show that there really is nothing new under the sun, and that only suckers pay top dollar for something that has so many look-alikes that it can hardly be original.

New malls pulling couch potatoes outside

FLIP off that big-screen TV and pull yourself out of that reclining chair. Corporate America has new plans for leisure time.

They want Americans out of the house and back into the malls. And to make sure that they leave that pricey home entertainment center behind, developers are looking toward reinventing a staple of suburban life – the shopping center.

With nearly 1.86 square meters of retail space for every American, developers have little choice but to abandon their cookie-cutter approach to malls. The new industry buzzwords are "urban entertainment centers" and "location-based entertainment" – places where consumers can watch movies on giant 3-D screens, test their mettle in high-tech virtual-reality arcades and dine in restaurants where entertainment is as important as the menu.

Traditional malls use department and specialty stores, along with a smattering of restaurants and small movie complexes, to lure consumers who have time and money on their hands.

But the new centers will use massive movie complexes to draw crowds – the way anchor department stores do now, hoping they will stick around to eat, shop and play.

"These are places where people go to see what the hell's going on," said industry consultant Harrison Price in Los Angeles.

"It's going to be an impulse thing ... The secret will be plugging in enough stuff so people will say 'I've got to go there.' "

The new centers are largely a response to "cocooning" consumers with wide-screen TVs, state-of-the-art sound systems and increasingly sophisticated electronic games.

"There's been a fundamental change in the way that we use our leisure time," said Michael Rubin, a Philadelphia-based entertainment industry consultant. "The challenge is to pull people away from what's become an at-home [entertainment] industry."

Entertainment industry executives have long known their main competition.

"I've always said that our biggest opponent isn't another company," said Edwards Theater chairman James Edwards Sr., 88, who saw his first "flicker" in 1910 in a Pasadena, California, storefront. "It's the home. We compete against the home."

Press a developer to explain where Americans will be playing in the future and they point to CityWalk in Universal City in Los Angeles, the Shops at The Forum at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, and the massive Mall of America near Minneapolis.

The three attractions are tailored to meet growing consumer demand for a relatively safe place to enjoy themselves, although the enhanced security that helps create the illusion of a shopping utopia can't always keep out crime and other real-world problems.

CityWalk's premise is simple: Cluster shops, restaurants, entertainment venues and movie theaters near a tourist attraction, in this case Universal Studios, so consumers won't have to drive from place to place.

The Forum Shops offer a veritable who's who of trendy stores and eateries set in a make-believe world of moving statues and a lighting scheme that gives the illusion of walking through ancient Rome. It encourages free-spending gamblers and their families to shop and gawk – without leaving the grounds.

The Mall of America, a one-of-a-kind attraction, houses hundreds of stores, dozens of restaurants and an indoor amusement park complete with a roller coaster and a Camp Snoopy for children.

Developers are betting that they can use some of the building blocks from those attractions to create the mall of tomorrow and bolster flagging consumer interest in existing centers.

Look for more entertainment, especially high-tech, computer-driven arcades where visitors can fight demons from the 31st century or speed around "virtual" tracks in computer-controlled cars that bump and grind to create the ultimate racing experience.

Food also will be emphasized, mainly to keep consumers from zooming off somewhere else for dinner. But don't look for mundane hamburger stands.

Developers are increasingly turning to "signature" restaurants where music, memorabilia and atmosphere are as important as the menu. Some of the new operators include Dive Restaurants, with its high-tech submarine theme, Country Star Restaurants, which offers a glimpse into the lives of leading country music performers, and the Rainforest Cafe in the Mall of America, where diners are surrounded by waterfalls, lush vegetation and exotic birds.

Southern California will get its first mall-based urban entertainment center in November with the Irvine Entertainment Center, a $50 million, Moroccan-themed attraction .

The center will feature a 21-screen movie complex, which will house the West Coast's first 3D sight-and-sound Imax theater and four of the largest traditional movie screens in the US, along with a 30-meter-long snack bar.

Electronic games giant Sega Enterprises Ltd. is building a 1,400-sq.-m. virtual-reality arcade on the premises. It evidently will be patterned on the company's new two-story arcade in the Luxor Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, where 6,000 customers a day flock to its 200 high-tech attractions.

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Another Washington ceremony

THE purpose of today's White House ceremony is clear. The Clinton administration, spearheading the drive to raise funds for the Palestinian Authority, is eager to make the signing of Oslo 2 appear like a major milestone in the peace process and a confirmation of its irreversibility. Both the US Congress and the donor countries need assurances that the PA is a going concern, that the establishment of a Palestinian state with Israel's blessings is a certainty, and that the "process" is on its way to a happy ending of stability and prosperity.

There are other aims, too. Washington hopes that the White House gathering of Arab leaders who are certified members of the Middle East "peace club" – President Hosni Mubarak, King Hussein and Yasser Arafat – will remind others, particularly Syria's dictator Hafez Assad, of all the benefits of pax Americana. The recent cancellation of Jordan's debt to the US, the likely sale of F-16s to Amman, and the grants to the PA are examples of such benefits.

Nor can the spectacle hurt President Bill Clinton's prospects in the coming election year. The American electorate may be preoccupied with domestic concerns, and – as former president George Bush discovered – foreign successes do not always translate to ballot victories. But the appearance as peacemaker on the world stage can only enhance the president's leadership image.

The problem for Israel in this American production is that the government's rush to sign at the White House has made a mockery of democratic procedures. Even the cabinet could do no more than give a rubber stamp to a contract about which it knows little. Having received the 400-page document the night before, its members approved it on faith, with scant understanding of its contents.

The humiliation of the Knesset next week will be even more pronounced. Only after the agreement is signed by the prime minister on the nation's behalf and becomes a fait accompli will the legislative body be asked to debate and approve it. If nothing else, the Knesset should learn from this humbling that procedures for the approval of treaties should be set in law.

If the agreement works and "Oslo" becomes synonymous with true and lasting peace, the current complaints about democratic procedures will seem like petty quibbles. But if "Oslo" proves to be a step toward exacerbated strife and more bloodshed, the pleas of ignorance by those who now blindly approve it will sound hollow indeed.

Papering over the cracks

THE draft peace agreement for Bosnia may look like a step in the right direction, but it is not clear if the factions are even facing in the same direction. The Bosnian Moslems hailed the accord as guaranteeing the integrity of Bosnia, while the Serbs applauded it for recognizing the separate existence of Republika Srpska.

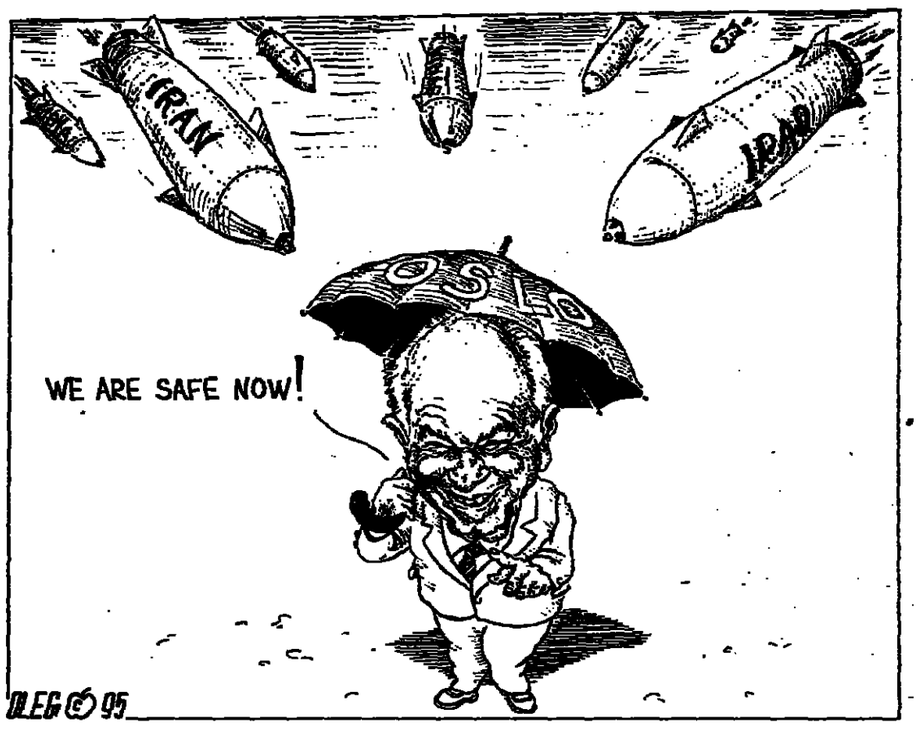
This is scarcely an unknown phenomenon – indeed it appears the participants in similar agreements around the world simply borrow convenient interpretations from one another. The Chechens say their peace accord with Russia guarantees their independence, the IRA says it is negotiating to remove Britain from Ireland, the Palestinians say the Oslo accords are about a Palestinian state, Turkish Cypriots say a UN federal agreement recognizes their puppet state. In virtually all cases the opposing parties say the agreements are about no such thing. And in all cases the conflicts remain seriously unresolved despite media fanfare about breakthroughs, resolutions and solutions.

The main difference in Bosnia is that a major war is still raging, and getting it stopped is a top priority. For that reason, and because this is a war that could turn into an international conflagration, the new draft agreement of principles on the future of the country will have value if it leads to an early cease-fire that holds. Beyond that, there is little that can be expected of it – like most paper agreements, it is of more use in covering cracks than building bridges.

It may be unfair to question the goodwill of the international negotiators involved in this latest attempt to put the Humpty Dumpty of former Yugoslavia together again, but there has to be a lingering impression that with leadership elections looming in the United States and Russia, the sense of urgency is somewhat skewed. President Clinton will undoubtedly want to take an apparent foreign policy success on his campaign trail, while Russian democrats fear that more NATO bombing of the Bosnian Serbs will play into the hands of Valdimir Zhirinovsky and the ultra-nationalist camp.

What the agreement proposes is the conversion of Bosnia-Herzegovina into Bosnia-Herzegovina-Srpska – in other words a loosely-connected Moslem-Croat-Serb entity. This would seem to be the square one from which everyone started. The fact that for tactical reasons the Moslems and Croats of Bosnia are allies now is no guarantee that they will remain allies. If the Serbs continue to emphasize the Republika Srpska they think they have won, it will not be long before the Croats will be talking of their Republic of Herzegovina. That makes wishful thinking of Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic's contention that the agreement gives the future state a superstructure and a minimum of institutions – parliament, presidency, cabinet – for survival.

It may be unfortunate, but true, that the Moslems of Bosnia are being set up as ultimate losers, hemmed in by two antagonistic Christian factions, the Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs, who have their own thinly disguised agenda for a two-way split of Bosnia. Few have noticed that amid all the trappings of three-way federated statehood in the new agreement, its underlying structure defines a Bosnia that is now divided 50-50 between the Serbs and the Moslem-Croat alliance. That looks remarkably similar to the map Croat President Franjo Tudjman drew on the back of a London restaurant menu earlier this year, and which Serbs and Croats vehemently denied was evidence of a secret understanding. It could be that the menu, rather than this week's agreement, gives the true indication of what is really cooking in the troubled Balkans.



The phone never rang

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DENNIS EISENBERG

A few months before the drama of the hijacked Iranian plane that landed at the Uvda air base near Eilat last week, Mickey Gurdus received a surprise phone call from the Israel Police.

"The FBI has requested a copy of the recordings you made of the voices of terrorists communicating to the outside world when three men were brutally tortured to death aboard a Kuwaiti aircraft in November 1984."

Gurdus, a renowned recorder of radio and TV broadcasts in the Middle East, was only too happy to oblige.

The incident in question occurred after Iranian secret service agents disguised as "terrorists" hijacked the Kuwaiti plane before forcing it to land in Teheran. They demanded that three Iranian terrorists imprisoned in Kuwait be released. To press home their threats, they murdered three American passengers.

In a cruel, cynical use of microphones, the Iranians broadcast to the world the heart-wrenching and blood-curdling cries of pain emitted by the tortured, dying men. Despite this, however, the US authorities didn't budge. The terrorists' demands were rejected.

There was no explanation given of why the FBI suddenly wanted copies of Gurdus's tapes. But there are three clues to their behavior.

One is that Americans have long memories. They seek justice for the slayers of their citizens no matter where they died, or how long after the event.

Another clue lies in the ongoing interrogation of Saddam Hussein's relatives who recently defected to Jordan. Clearly they know full well the identities of the agents of Ali Fallahian, Iranian government minister and mastermind of "special operations," who killed the Americans at Teheran airport. The defectors were only too happy, among other things, to reveal what they knew about the killers' identities.

None of this was of any solace to Ron Arad's mother Batya, who made an anguished and bitter appeal to Prime Minister Rabin not to release the Iranian plane until Teheran produced her son, or, at the very least, information about him.

The government did not heed her pleas. Little wonder, then, that she declared: "I feel betrayed by our government." Added Ron's brother Chen with barely controlled rage: "It's time that those who sent Ron on his mission took the trouble to bring him back."

There were many inspired leaks to the pliant Hebrew press and TV concerning Rabin's cool and careful handling of the hijacking affair. But neither Batya Arad nor her family know just how callously and cynically they have been betrayed.

THE IRONY is that very little thought appears to have been given to the question of how to handle the hijacked plane after it landed in Israel.

As a senior intelligence source put it to us: "So busy were Rabin and Peres trying desperately to appease Arafat and his negotiators in a rush to sign the Oslo 2 agreement in Washington today, that the Iranian plane got scant attention. The affair was bungled and ill-thought-out from beginning to end." In fact, it was a hot potato that the government wanted to get rid of as fast as possible, so as not to upset the Moslem world.

We can reveal that appeals were made to both the offices of President Weizman and the prime minister, urging them to seek the advice of a man in Israel who is recognized, both here and abroad, as an international authority on Iranian affairs.

Said this expert, after the plane landed: "A golden opportunity has fallen into Israeli hands, literally out of the sky. Don't let the Iranians take the initiative. Put them on the defensive. Drive them into a corner."

The tactics the expert recommended were simple and decisive. Women and children would immediately be handed over to the Red Cross, together with any sick male passengers. The remaining men would be lodged in comfortable quarters. It would be announced to the world that these were not hostages. The press and TV crews would be invited to speak to them. The world would see that they were free, and not chained in prison.

> He is an expert on the Iranians. He was ready to tell Rabin how to use the hijack affair to get Ron Arad back. But he wasn't consulted

An immediate, full-scale internationally organized information campaign would have to be launched. The facts of how Arad was shot down in Lebanon in 1986 would have to be broadcast; how, instead of being treated as a prisoner of war, he was sold to the Iranians for hard cash by a Hizbullah chieftain named Mustafa Dirani.

"Has the defense minister forgotten that he risked the lives of a an Israeli commando team in a daring and risky operation to pluck Dirani out of his Lebanese village home and bring him to Israel for interrogation on the subject of Ron?" asked the expert.

Dirani should be produced, he added, as part of the information drive to tell the world how high-ranking Iranian officials paid him in cash for Arad.

This expert has spent a lifetime studying the mindset of Iranian officialdom. He advised: Until the Iranians give us details of Arad's fate, hold onto the plane and their men." The Iranians, the expert believed, would have been forced to come up with information. And the Arad family would at least, and at last, have learned the truth.

We were informed that the expert was not consulted. He waited in vain for a single telephone call. Our intelligence source told us: "It is unbelievable – criminal – that no effort was made to use this man's expertise."

Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahrak remarked recently that "the Iranian authorities know what happened to Ron Arad." But this went unheeded as the government diverted all its energies to the agreement with Arafat.

One detail of the botched affair emerged when the hijacker was taken to court in Eilat. The translator brought in proved so inept that he had to be replaced by a more proficient one. With the vast array of government officials then in Eilat, this aspect should have been taken care of more efficiently.

As Rabin flies into Washington, he might learn from the FBI, who are still boiling over the murder of the three Americans in 1984, always to seek justice for every citizen's death.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service *and other books on the Middle East.*

Bloody hands

YOSEF GOELL

ONE of the worst errors of judgment Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres have made in recent years was their agreeing to the 1985 release of over 1,100 Palestinian terrorist prisoners identified with the extreme Jibril gang in exchange for three Israeli prisoners of war.

A significant number of those terrorists were subsequently involved in murderous attacks on Israelis. Many were also in the forefront of the intifada two years later.

At the time Peres was premier, and Rabin defense minister in the first Labor-Likud national unity government. Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir, foreign minister in that rotation government, also agreed to the sorry deal, something that has since been used in an attempt to excuse Peres's and Rabin's deadly mistake. Shamir's equally egregious misjudgment may be useful in scoring political points, but it in no way mitigates the mistake Peres and Rabin made.

As part of the Oslo 2 agreement concluded this week, Peres and Rabin have backed down from their previous declared opposition to releasing Palestinian terrorist prisoners "with blood on their hands." It may yet prove no less of a mistake than the 1985 swap.

Yesterday the members of the ministerial committee on prisoner release were trying to get President Weizman to commit himself to pardoning Palestinian women prisoners whose release is conditional on a presidential pardon (as opposed to a decision by the minister of defense) because they are residents of Israeli Jerusalem, and not of the territories.

On radio, committee member Yossi Sarid excused the freeing of these women "with blood on their hands," arguing that the extension of greater clemency to women is customary worldwide. Arafat was quoted as telling Peres at Taba that "Women are all saintly." (Of course, this never stopped him from sending his killers to murder Israeli women and children for over 25 years.)

Sarid chose to disregard the fact that in many modern terror organizations like Germany's Baader-Meinhoff and America's Weathermen, the female terrorist has often been the deadlier of the species.

> The retreat on the prisoner issue could prove just as dangerous as the 1985 Jibril swap

A MASSIVE prisoner release, even including proven killers, need not be unthinkable in all circumstances. Suppose, for example, it could be guaranteed to bring about a historic end to the conflict between us and the Palestinians, or was done to acknowledge the first palpable signs of a profound reconciliation between the two warring peoples. It could then be said to be a worthwhile price to pay, a risk worth taking.

One can argue in support of benefits that have accrued to Israel as a result of signing Oslo 1 two years ago. But to describe Arafat's and the Palestinians' behavior over these two years as "historic reconciliation" would be mind-boggling.

Clearly, this isn't a final burying of the hatchet, but a hard-nosed trade-off of interests between Israel, led by a war-weary leadership, and a Palestinian side determined to continue the struggle with Israel after squeezing as much as it can out of the current leadership.

In the past two weeks, as a condition for the release of Palestinian prisoners, a number of ministers adopted postures insisting that Arafat and the Palestinian Authority hand over to Israel the accused killers of Israelis who have found refuge in Jericho and Gaza.

Yesterday, however, top government sources in the Justice Ministry and in our Taba negotiating team were quoted as saying that had Israel insisted on such an ultimative condition, "the talks would have blown up."

Perhaps. The fact is, our side blinked first. The same argument has been used to excuse every Israeli retreat, and the Palestinians will certainly continue to exploit it in the coming stages.

If the Rabin-Peres team hasn't called Arafat's bluff so far, there is good reason to fear they will fail to do so all down the line.

The writer comments on current affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRAMPLING THE RIGHT OF PROTEST

Sir, – Police Minister Moshe Shahal's remark that Zo Artzenu calls for rebellion and the attorney-general's association of "continued disturbances" with anarchy and a threat to democracy (August 28 and 29) are patent nonsense.

There is no segment of the protest movement conspiring against the government. Rather, they call for passive resistance and eschew violence. Shahal's words and Ben Yair's insinuations smack of fear; not for the welfare of the state, but a government's fear for its ministerial seats. Alarm is motivating a new witch-hunt. Blocking streets is a violation of the law and a concerned government can prosecute the offenders. But calling up the specters of revolt and anarchy is a tactic designed to turn the political center against the opposition and raise support for the government. It also serves to intimidate protesters by threatening investigation, use of the police and even the General Security Service.

The Labor Party is well aware of public disaffection. Polls consistently show Labor losing the Prime Minister's Office in the next election and, in a recent poll, 73 percent of Israeli Jews supported a referendum before implementation of stage 2 of the Oslo accords.

This is the voice of the center, which voted in '92 for a moderate Rabin and has become disenchanted with a government captured by the extreme left. With each new terrorist bombing, there is a greater loss of confidence and larger demonstrations.

Stung by growing public opposition to the accords with the PLO and outrage over terrorist atrocities, the government seeks to trample the right of protest. In the process, it searches for conspiracy and sanctions police violence.

Bernard Smith
Jerusalem.

FUNDS FOR THE PA

Sir, – MK General (res.) Ori Orr has told US senators that the government of Israel opposes the Congressional initiative to discontinue funds for the Palestine Authority unless the PA/PLO changes its charter and deals with terror within six months.

Given that the government surely wants the PA/PLO to change its charter and to deal with terror, we can only guess why the objection. Two possibilities come to mind. The government knows that the conditions set by Congress will not be met and that Congress will have no hesitation to follow through with the cut-off of funds. This flies in the face of Israeli government policy to allow the PA/PLO to say one thing and do the opposite.

Or perhaps the government objects to the six-month deadline. I expect they would rather have some cosmetic changes closer to election time in order to boost chances for their own survival.

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ
Elazar.

SECURITY ON BUSES

Sir, – In his article of August 23, "Let's talk tactics," David Morris states that guards should be placed on our city buses, that they would be responsible for checking all bags and would be entitled to body-search anyone who appeared suspicious.

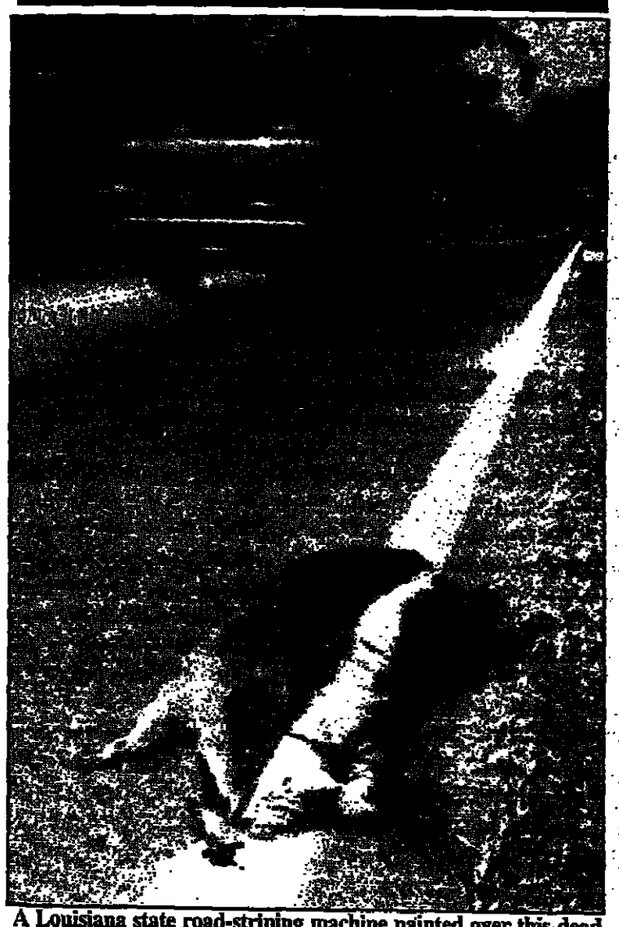
Further on, he writes that, since we are used to searches in department stores, the Western Wall, etc., "surely no reasonable citizen would object to similar treatment on or before boarding a bus?"

Considering myself a "reasonable citizen," I cannot fathom myself being thought a suspicious person and then body-searched by a male guard. There are many other citizens – religious or not – who for modesty reasons would concur. Does this mean that we would need two guards per bus – one male and one female?

I would also like to know if Mr. Morris has taken a bus lately. People returning from the city are inundated with packages, food from the market, etc. When dozens of people are waiting to board a bus during rush hour and are crowding to get in and be seated, is it really feasible that one guard with a possible entrance at the back of the bus can really do his job? And what about the possibility of a suicide bomber blowing himself up as he steps up to the guard to be checked? With people crowded behind him and a bus load of people in front of him, what could that guard possibly prevent?

TAMAR FELD
Jerusalem.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



A Louisiana state road-striping machine painted over this dead raccoon clearly in contravention of the law. Normally, dead animals are removed from the path of the paint sprayer, but the driver thought stopping the machine to move the carcass would create a traffic hazard. (AP)

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He may not want to give up the secret

DEAR RUTHIE

RUTHIE BLUM

Dear Ruthie,

I'm 41, have been divorced five years and have two children. For the past year-and-a-half I've been seeing a married man. Though we don't go out together much in public, we do spend nearly every evening together.

I've grown to love him – beyond the infatuation stage. I have come to want to share more with him. Eight years ago, he and his wife decided to stay together in spite of their "dead" marriage. Though he loves me and admits that I am the best thing that has ever happened to him, he says that he needs more time to decide whether he is ready to make a commitment to me.

My fear is that he will never be ready to go through the upheaval that a divorce would entail.

As a result of this fear, I broke up with him two weeks ago. I know he has been miserable, as have I. But can I go back and always be waiting to see if he's now ready, and put up with a situation I find somewhat sordid? Do I believe that one day, by letting things develop naturally (as he puts it), he will want to have a closer relationship?

He is too honest to make false promises. Do you have any insights here, without knowing either of us?

Craving Commitment
Jerusalem

Dear CC,

One insight which comes to mind is that longing for someone unavailable is often interpreted (or misinterpreted) as love. No doubt each of you is experiencing intense emotions of desire, passion, even friendship for one another.

The question to ask yourself is whether all or any of these would withstand a public, viable relationship.

This man's hesitancy may be the result of his having contemplated this very question. Exchanging clandestine courtship for commitment is no small risk.

Free of the constraints of marriage, you are the one intent on extracting some kind of promise. Ironically, it could very well be you who ends up being disillusioned, in the event that you get what you're after.

Dear Ruthie,

My wife and I have lived in Israel for 13 years. Our parents and all of our siblings live in the US, and my wife has become "homesick" for them. She would like to return for "a year" to figure out if Israel was the right choice. She is tired of missing family weddings, birthday parties, etc. I fully agree with her, especially about being far away from elderly parents during the last years. On the other hand, reality is before us: happiness and job security, pension benefits, high-quality Jewish and moral education at an affordable price, and a neighborhood where friends are abundant.

There are pros and cons to each situation, but my fears of making yerida are tremendous. How does one approach this dilemma realistically and wisely? We agree on the issues, but disagree about the solution. I might add that our relationship is as strong as ever: my wife is the greatest wife and mother that one could possible dream of.

Yerida Yellow
Ma'aleh Adumim

Dear YY,

A year in the US does not constitute *yerida*. Nor would such a year totally jeopardize your pension (if you make the proper arrangements). And there's nothing like attending every family *simha* to remind you why leaving all that behind did not seem like such a terrible thing at the time.

What puzzles me is your "fear" of *yerida*. If you are happy here in so many respects, you need not make a permanent exit – unless you end up wanting to do so. Your wife's homesickness deserves serious consideration. None of the bliss you describe – including marital – will last if your wife remains unhappy.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

Integration – at the head of the class

The first Ethiopian immigrant teachers have begun work in Israeli schools and are making a difference. Natalie Silverton reports



Vorkenash Mekonan introduces herself to her class of third graders at the Jabotinsky School in Beit Shemesh. (Edgar Asher/Israel)

'VORKENASH, help me with my multiplication table!"

Vorkenash Mekonan, who teaches at Beit Shemesh's Jabotinsky School, casts a watchful eye over her third-graders and walks with self-confidence and authority around the room to the pupil who'd called for help.

New to an Israeli classroom this year, Vorkenash Mekonan is more than a teacher; she is a role model, but not in the standard sense.

As one of the first Ethiopian-born teachers in the educational system, she feels that she is making a clear statement to all of her pupils, regardless of ethnic background. To non-Ethiopian pupils, her message is: "I am Israeli." To Ethiopian youngsters she is saying: "You can make it, too."

She is one of 14 immigrant teachers throughout the country who have joined school payrolls, due to the determination of the David Yellin Teachers' College in Jerusalem. The college ran the first retraining course for Ethiopian-born educators, aided by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Education and Absorption ministries.

Previous experience was not enough for the new immigrants to resume the teaching careers they had left behind. They had to learn about life in Israel and about its school system.

"In Ethiopian society, hierarchy by age is supreme. Older people gain automatic respect," Shoshana Ornstein, the college's director of public relations, says. In Israeli society, a person has to earn that respect.

Schools work differently in Ethiopia, too. A teacher there does the teaching without engaging the pupils in discussion or fielding their questions.

Ornstein explained how a sign of respect in Ethiopian schools is to lower one's eyes when communicating with the teacher, not the Western standard of looking the person you address in the eye, regardless of status.

ACCORDING TO Ornstein, Ethiopian pupils and teachers "needed to learn to be more assertive, outgoing and not introspective," in short, to adapt to Israeli schools.

"They hadn't been taught disciplinary techniques, because there are few problems with classroom discipline in Ethiopia," Ornstein said of the immigrant teachers.

"Teaching in our classrooms presented a challenge they hadn't faced before. They were not as well equipped as Israeli teachers, so we brought them up to par."

Ornstein added that the idea behind the Yellin program was to "build on what they already had," by teaching them methodology and instilling in them a knowledge of Israel's language, culture and society.

The Yellin project also gave the trainees a full support program. "The most important thing is to be like a family," says project coordinator Batya Maoz, who helps them through the many problems they encounter as immigrants. These range from leaky roofs to disagreements with absorption bureaucrats.

"They asked questions about how to dress their children for school," Maoz adds.

All of the program participants arrived with their families and often their extended families. They now have the responsibility of being the breadwinners. Mekonan's case is typical. When she discovered that she would have the opportunity to teach again she realized that she would have to cope with the pressures of studying and taking care of her family, including her two children, ages six and 12.

"At first, when I arrived in Israel, I didn't think I would be able to continue teaching," she says. In Ethiopia, being an educator is a high-status position; finding herself with the low status of a new immigrant came as a shock.

Six members of her group had previously been school principals and one had been Ethiopia's education minister.

Beyond helping the immigrant teachers find work, the organizers did not realize the program's "ripple effect" of other benefits, as Ornstein describes them.

For example, she says, the country has gained competent, experienced teachers, particularly males, which it severely lacks.

The Ethiopians have broken stereotypes held by schoolchildren. Pupils are beginning to appreciate the teachers' heritage from pictures and firsthand accounts of the community's experiences.

"The fact that they are Ethiopian will generate curiosity in a class," Ornstein explains. "There is also an opening to teach tolerance toward different ethnic groups."

OFTEN, HOWEVER, it was the staff that took longer to to accept immigrant teachers. Mekonan admits, "Last year [during the training period], I was afraid to speak" to colleagues in the staff room. It took them time to step over language and cultural barriers. "Now, I am very happy. All the teachers seem to have accepted me," she says.

Maru Asmara, another graduate of the Yellin program, says problems with being accepted do not stem from the children in class, but can often come "from the school, from the teachers and from the municipality. [People have] a problem in Israel with working with educated Ethiopian people."

An Ethiopian-immigrant lobbying group found the same problem and reported that pupils of Ethiopian descent were being discriminated against in higher education.

However, the teachers are gradually being accepted into a variety of schools nationwide, reducing prejudice and opening the gates to an infinite range of career possibilities.

Program participants were involved in a wide range of activities, for example joining young Jews from around the world on the annual March of the Living to former concentration camps in Poland. Learning about the Holocaust was an essential component in their training.

"They cried a lot," Maoz recalls. "They felt like our brothers and part of our society. It reminded them of [their own] suffering during the wars in Ethiopia."

The trainees also had an opportunity to teach Amharic to Ethiopian-immigrant pupils up to matriculation level. This boosted the self-esteem of the teachers and the students.

According to recent statistics, only 7 percent of Ethiopian students living in integrated communities take matriculation exams. Ethiopian-born teachers raised the confidence and motivation of these youths and convinced them of the exams' importance to their future.

Amharic has also been taught to Israeli children from other ethnic backgrounds. The Education Ministry and Yellin are preparing textbooks for teaching the language.

After two years of intensive study, Mekonan seems content. It is easy to see in the way she patiently devotes time to each child the rapport she has with them and her gift for teaching. An affectionate hug from a little girl in the school corridor shows that she has been warmly accepted.

Education became the teachers' "lifeline to a new life in Israel," Ornstein says. "We didn't want to lose them [as teachers], and they didn't want to become lost."

Your days off are perfect for spackling

FIX IT YOURSELF

TAL KATZ

HOLIDAYS are those joyous times which put most of us on edge. So many visits to and fro, so many meals to prepare, so much cleaning to do before and after.

The prospect of raised familial eyebrows is enough to make us hit the hardware store, don the old work clothes, and get down to the business of home repair.

In response to one such reader's patching-up plans, today we are going to deal with wall spackling. It's time to fill in all those nasty little cracks and nail holes putting a damper on our decor.

Materials required: spackling compound (*shpachtel lekir*) – sometimes called all-purpose filler or joint compound. The average price for a 5-kilo bag of dry compound is NIS 20.

(For minor repairs, lightweight premixed spackling compound is the simplest to use though it costs over three times more. It has low shrinkage and dries quickly. However, it is much harder to spread, so is not advisable for bigger jobs); putty knife (*shpachtel* – yes, the tool and material have the same name) – price range, depending on size and blade durability: NIS 2.50 to NIS 20. The wider the blade, the smoother the results.

Sand paper (*niyar zechuchit*), or, even better, a manual sanding kit (*mitkan letesh yadani*). These cost between NIS 20 and NIS 40, but greatly facilitate wall sanding.

A pole sander (*mitkan letesh im mifrak*) – costing about NIS 36 – can be attached to a broomstick for reaching ceilings and high-up spots on the wall.

It is not a good idea for laypeople to use drill attachment sanding discs, as one false move can mean unwanted scraping of the wall, and hence, extra spackling.

A soft-bristled brush (like the small brooms which come with dust pans); a sponge or kitchen rag; safety goggles (*mishkefei magen*); a flexible plastic container for mixing dry compound that is large enough to fit the width of the putty knife; a stick or knife for mixing the compound.

Directions

Read the instructions on the label of the compound. If dry (powder form), mix the appropriate proportions of water and compound in a flexible plastic container, with a stick or knife, until smooth.

With a corner of the putty knife, scrape around the inside of the hole or crack in the wall, in order to widen it and knock out loose debris.

Brush the the hole and surrounding area with the soft brush. Wet the area with a damp sponge (compound will adhere better to a wet surface). Scoop a small glob of compound onto the edge of the putty knife.

With a scraping/smoothing motion, run the edge of the putty knife along the crack or over the hole to ensure that the material gets lodged inside. If the area to be spackled is wider than your putty knife, use a long flat tool (such as a metal ruler) to insert and smooth.

Allow to dry until it is completely white in color. In cold or wet weather, this could take hours, depending on the depth of the hole. To hasten, blow dry on low temperature – moving the drier back and forth (not aimed directly) to avoid cracking the filler.

Since spackling compound shrinks as it dries, it will begin to recede. Apply another glob as before, and allow to dry. Repeat as many times as necessary, until the filler protrudes a bit.

Wearing safety goggles to avoid getting dust in your eyes, sand in circular sweeping motions directly on top of the spackled spots, and around them, until all are flush with the wall.

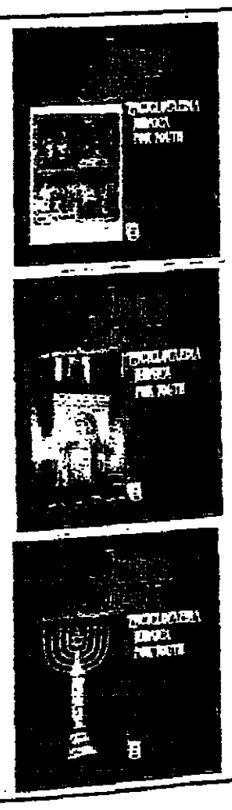
The more care you take with this step, the better the results will be. After sanding, brush away all dust and other particles. Now you're ready to paint the wall.

Helpful hints: to dispose of excess compound which you've mixed in a flexible container, allow it to harden. Then, flex and bend the container (the way you do to get ice out of a plastic tray) until the hard lump comes out in one piece. Wash the container, and reuse.

To store premixed compound and prevent it from drying out: scrape around the edges of the container (like cleaning the sides of a bowl with cake batter in it). Then stand the container straight to level the compound. Pour water over it to the height of 1 cm. Replace the lid, making sure it is completely sealed.

In response to a reader's inquiry about removing tea stains from a teakwood table: scrub the stained area with fine steel wool (*tzemer plada*) and teak oil (*shemen tik*). If there is some kind of lacquer on the table, this may not work, or may cause the area to become lighter in color than the rest of the table. If so, you may have to remove all lacquer, scrub the whole table with teak oil, and then refinish.

If you have a question or can suggest simple solutions to annoying problems, write to: Fix It Yourself, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.



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Balance of payments deficit rises

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE country's balance of payments deficit rose 12.8 percent in the first half of the year to $2.53 billion from the same period in 1994, as the trade gap increased 15.5%, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

The balance of payments, or current account, includes the balance of trade and financial transfers.

The trade gap expanded to $5.23b., as imports of goods and services jumped 16.8% to $19.04b., while exports increased a sharper 17.4% to $13.8b.

Defense imports were up 22.7% to $590 million and civilian merchandise imports expanded 15.9% to $12.35b.

Merchandise exports were 13.2% higher at $9.14b.

Although service exports lag behind service imports, they rose 26.4% to $4.67b. – compared with an 18.3% increase in imports, which totaled $6.1b.

Net unilateral transfers – including foreign aid, reparation payments from Germany and donations – jumped 18.2% to $2.7b.

Foreign aid increased 18% to $518m., German reparations rose 12.9% to $411m. and private sector transfers expanded 24.8% to $584m.

Unilateral transfers only covered 51.6% of the trade gap, compared with 57% in the first half of 1993.

The country amassed an additional $1b. in debt to cover its balance of payments deficit.

The debt was partially offset by a $600m. increase in foreign assets.

The country's high shekel interest rates in the first quarter attracted record high capital inflows of $2.7b., as the Bank of Israel's foreign currency reserves jumped $1.55b.

Commercial banks increased their foreign debt by $842m. and reduced their foreign assets by $1.2b.

Foreign direct investment reached a record $970m., while investments abroad fell 37.1% to $207m.

At the end of the first half of the year, the net external debt rose to $18.2b. from $17.7b. at the end of last year.

Siemens purchases Ornet for $30 million

TELECOMMUNICATIONS leader Siemens of Germany will acquire Karmiel-based Ornet and its US-based subsidiary for a reported $30 million, Siemens announced yesterday.

The acquisition was made by Siemens' Network Systems division.

Ornet specializes in new generation-switching technologies for LAN networks.

Under the terms of the purchase agreement, Ornet will continue to operate as an independent company in terms of development, production marketing and sales.

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Ornet will expand its workforce from its current level of 40 employees.

A small Siemens management team will act as a contact group with Ornet. Siemens will cooperate with Ornet on technologies, marketing and sales and market Ornet products through its global sales network.

"The deal strengthens Siemens' position in the LAN market," said Dr. Ludwig Hoffman of Siemens Network Systems, who added that this was Siemens' first step into the LAN component market with its own products.

Prior to signing with Siemens, Ornet was jointly owned by a group of founders – managers Dr. Oraa Berry and Eilon Litwitz, the Gemini Fund and the Walden Group. Negotiations were led by Gemini.

El Al awards contract for supply of meals

HAIM SHAPIRO

SHEFA, an independent local catering firm, has won the contract to supply meals for some El Al passengers in conjunction with a company owned by Air France.

Shefa is to set up a factory in Lod with Servair, the Air France catering company.

It is estimated the new plant will have a turnover of about $10 million during the first year and supply about one-third of the meals for El Al passengers.

Until now, all El Al meals from here and most of the meals on short-haul return flights have been supplied by Tamam, El Al's catering subsidiary.

The new plant, which is to cost some $5 million and extend over 4,000 square meters, is to supply cold meals within two months and hot meals in another seven months.

"We will serve El Al passengers tasty meals with a French flavor," said Shefa chairman Boaz Viser.

Servair is among the world's largest catering firms, with 20 industrial kitchens in China, the US, Africa and Mexico, as well as Europe.

It employs about 5,900 people worldwide and supplies some 350 different menus daily to over one hundred airlines and passenger trains.

It prepares some 20 million meals a year and has an annual turnover of FR 1.6 billion.

Shefa, among the largest local catering firms, currently supplies over 40,000 meals a year to such firms as the Electric Corporation, the Dead Sea Works and Israel Aircraft Industries.

It recently won a Defense Ministry contract to supply meals to army bases.

El Al spokesman Nachman Kleiman said his company opened the bidding in order to lower costs and thus offer more competitive air fares.

Plans announced for joint hi-tech park in China

JOSE ROSENFELD

INDUSTRY and Trade Minister Micha Harish and Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Wu Yi yesterday announced plans for establishing a joint high-technology industrial park in China.

At a Jerusalem news conference, Yi said the industrial park would be located in Tianjin, which is close to Beijin – approximately "the same distance as between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv."

She noted that the choice was made due to the city's strong industrial base and workforce, as well as its convenient access to all means of transportation.

Tianjin is China's third largest city, with a population of 10 million. Yi said China wants to create a "high-tech industrial village that will bring medium- and small-sized enterprises into China."

Harish noted that the Israeli industrial park is still in the planning stages and the effort would be led by Tianjin-born Elbit President Emmanuel Gil.

Elbit has already signed a joint venture with the Tianjin Post and Telecommunications Authority to set up a telephone and cable television network.

Harish said the industrial park would take advantage of China's plentiful workforce and production capacity to expand the production of Israeli technological goods.



Chinese Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Wu Yi (right) exchanges economic cooperation protocols with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday as Treasury International Division director Ehud Kaufman (center) watches. China and Israel also announced plans for establishing a high-tech industrial park in Tianjin, China.

Responding to concerns raised by the US's dispute with China over intellectual property rights, Yi said China is committed to protecting intellectual property rights and is signatory to several treaties and conventions.

In addition, the National People's Congress is legislating intellectual property right laws, and an agency has been established to oversee that such rights are protected.

According to Yi, the argument with the US stems from the American demand for retroactive protection.

She noted that China could ask that retroactivity apply back a few thousand years, with China claiming its proprietary rights over gunpowder and paper.

China is also rejecting the demand that US domestic laws prevail over international law.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat signed an agreement with Yi that will make available a $150 million line of credit to Israeli companies investing in China through the Israel Foreign Trade Risk Insurance Corporation.

Shohat said Israeli firms will now be able to immediately go ahead with $75m. in investments.

Harish said the countries have signed an agreement to promote regional trade in their respective areas: China will help Israel in the Far East, while Israel will promote Chinese trade in the Middle East.

Yi is heading a delegation of government officials and business people representing 17 Chinese firms.

Teva close to deal for Hungarian firm

HUNGARIAN government officials will meet representatives from Teva today to agree on the details of the sale of Hungarian pharmaceutical company Biogal Rt., according to the Hungarian daily *Vilaggazdasag*.

Teva will either buy 50 percent of the company with an option on the rest, or buy the company outright for a price below Biogal's $32.6 million shareholders equity, the paper said.

Hungary's state Privatization and Holding Co. wants to introduce Biogal's shares, which trade over the counter in Budapest, to the Budapest stock exchange before the company is sold.

Teva first expressed interest in Biogal in 1992, but the government was unwilling to sell a majority stake in the firm.

(Bloomberg)

Robomatix settles suit

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ROBOMATIX Technologies announced it has settled a class-action suit brought against it by a shareholder group.

The plaintiffs claimed the company failed to make certain disclosures in its IPO prospectus, which served as the basis of share purchases made in January 1994 and shortly thereafter.

Robomatix said yesterday it denies the claims and makes no admission of any wrongdoing or liability.

Under the settlement agreement, the plaintiffs will not receive any cash, but Robomatix will finance the expenses of administering the settlement up to $110,000.

The plaintiffs will receive 250,000 ordinary shares of Robomatix and warrants to acquire 200,000 ordinary shares at $3 per share for a period of three years.

At the same time, principal shareholder Heinrich Manderman will purchase 250,000 ordinary shares at $2 per share (plus 200,000 in warrants) in compensation for recent financing given to Robomatix by Manderman.

"We feel the settlement contains a very positive aspect," said Robomatix president Zami Aberman. "Since the plaintiffs will be receiving shares and warrants in the firm, they have become – in essence – partners in our efforts to rebuild Robomatix."

Shareholders file appeal against payment to Pass-Port founder

TWO Pass-Port shareholders have filed an appeal in the Tel Aviv District Court against the board of directors' $1.5 million payment to company founder Joe Elmaleh and Avi Toledano, his right-hand man.

The shareholders, Ya'akov Tessler and his son Avigdor, want to nullify all decisions made by Pass-Port's board of directors at the general shareholders meeting on July 11, 1995.

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The Tesslers said there was insufficient time after the announcement of the annual meeting to grant power of attorney and that lack of information made it impossible for shareholders to formulate their voting policy.

The appeal cited Pass-Port's refusal to allow access to information concerning the purchase of Regina Vacuum Cleaners (which caused a NIS 30 million loss) and the purchase and sale of traded securities, which caused a NIS 24m. loss last year.

In addition, the Tesslers said the $1.5m. payment to Elmaleh should have received approval not only from the board of directors but also from shareholders, and that payment is disproportionately large.

"The amount coming to Elmaleh and Toledano following their retirement should be calculated based on Pass-Port's profits and a rise in the value of their investment according to company results of June 30, 1995," the appeal said. "It is reasonable that the results of Pass-Port's activity as will be reflected in upcoming quarters will not justify payment of such sums."

Pass-Port net losses for the first half of the year were NIS 8.49m., compared with net losses of NIS 16.3m. Revenues were NIS 513,000, compared with NIS 9.2m.

Residents' redemptions of foreign investments net $78 million

RESIDENTS' foreign investment redemptions overtook new investments in the first half of the year, netting $78 million, the Bank of Israel reported yesterday.

Provident and mutual funds cashed in their foreign stock holdings as fund members bailed out in droves earlier this year, the bank said.

Overall foreign investment totaled $609m., while redemptions amounted to $687m.

Foreign securities investments and capital investments were almost even in the first half of the year as they reached $309m. and $300m., respectively.

However, securities redemptions were higher than capital and security investments together at $628m.

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About half the redemptions came from mutual and provident funds, although their share of the country's investment portfolio abroad only amounted to 28% of the total at the end of last year.

The Bank of Israel said the funds' redemptions were a direct result of the large redemptions by their members earlier this year.

The portfolio of foreign investments abroad totaled $4.87 billion at the end of June, a 7.5 percent rise from the end of last year.

The value of the portfolio of tradeable foreign securities held by the public also increased 3% to $1.74b., despite the wave of redemptions due to the rise in the market price of the securities.

Most of the increase in foreign capital investment reflected large acquisitions abroad by local industrial concerns.

To a lesser extent, computer software, construction and hotel firms also contributed to the rise.

Real estate investments abroad soared to $67m. from $35m. during the first half of last year.

Most of the real estate investments were made by local real estate firms.

Total foreign capital investments reached $3.13b. at the end of June, up from $2.83b. at the end of last year.

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Mekorot plans to undergo organizational changes

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NATIONAL water manager Mekorot will undergo organizational changes, the Agriculture Ministry announced yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Ya'akov Tsur was presented with a survey of the water sector and Mekorot's plans for development during a visit to the company yesterday.

Mekorot board chairman Shalom Shiran and general manager Amos Epstein suggested turning Mekorot into a holding company, managing two main subsidiaries.

The first would manage the national water sector, while the second would develop new applications such as water purification, urban water management and bidding on outside contracts.

Tsur said he welcomed Mekorot's initiative, adding there will be a great need for additional water in the area.

Several alternative methods will be necessary, including additional cisterns, improvement of water recycling methods and establishing local and regional purification plants.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (27.9.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.000	5.000	5.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.750	4.750	5.000
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.500	2.500	2.750
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.375	1.375	1.500
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates very higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (27.9.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates*
Currency basket	3.4290	3.4844	—	—	3.4478
U.S. dollar	2.9996	3.0490	2.941	3.10	3.0130
German mark	2.0918	2.1257	2.05	2.16	2.1070
Pound sterling	4.6978	4.7736	4.61	4.84	4.7173
French franc	0.6056	0.6154	0.59	0.63	0.6106
Japanese yen (100)	2.9629	3.0328	2.93	3.06	3.0107
Dutch florin	1.8664	1.8966	1.83	1.93	1.8822
Swiss franc	2.5826	2.6243	2.53	2.67	2.6041
Swedish krona	0.4276	0.4345	0.42	0.45	0.4295
Norwegian krone	0.4752	0.4828	0.46	0.49	0.4783
Danish krone	0.5390	0.5477	0.52	0.56	0.5428
Finnish mark	0.6896	0.7010	0.67	0.72	0.6939
Canadian dollar	2.2305	2.2663	2.19	2.30	2.2394
Australian dollar	2.2484	2.2847	2.20	2.32	2.2582
S. African rand	0.6223	0.6326	0.74	0.84	0.6551
Belgian franc (10)	1.0188	1.0349	1.00	1.05	1.0240
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9743	3.0223	2.92	3.07	2.9925
Italian lira (1000)	1.8804	1.8905	1.82	1.92	1.8740
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.19	4.38	4.2838
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.85	0.93	0.9190
ECU	3.8794	3.9426	—	—	3.9083
Irish punt	4.8036	4.8811	4.72	4.95	4.8253
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4253	2.4645	2.38	2.50	2.4368

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0130	-0.50%
Sterling	NIS 4.7173	-1.20%
Mark	NIS 2.1070	-0.80%

INTL STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4762.35	-3.25
DJ Transport	1922.82	-11.47
DJ Utils	212.5	+1.19
DJ Comp	1801.38	-2.65
NYSE Indstr	350.97	-0.97
NYSE Transport	281.83	-2.2
NYSE Comp	311.22	-0.5
S&P 100	553.65	-0.76
S&P Stock Index	581.07	-0.4
AMEX Comp	540.83	-1.9

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+700	815	1501
Volume up (in 1000's)			164418
Volume down (in 1000's)			199881

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3485	-38.3
Tokyo Nikkei average	18262.4	+340.5
Singapore all-share Index	514.81	-0.41
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9650.8	+87.22
Israel Index	163.29	-2.05

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Ftlp	54	0
Angel A	8.25	+0
Arot	1.125	-0.09375
BioTechnology	3.125	+0
Carmel Cont	13.875	-0.125
Frutarom (electrochem)	4	-0.125
Elscint	2.75	-0.125
Elz Lisud	5.8125	-0.125
Elz Lisud A	5.8375	+0
Laser T.	10.25	-0.125
PEC	24.75	+0.125
Tadiran	22.125	-0.125
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
AG Associates	26	-1.5
Aladdin	11.375	-1.125
Accent	14.75	-0.5
ATL Ultrasion	5.875	-0.125
BVR	7.8375	+0.0625
Conversa	22.125	+0.125
Data (Defense)	10.75	+0
DSP Comm.	30.75	-1.5
ECI	20.5	-0.4625
Educator	1.4375	0
Eltn-Soft	7.375	+0.875
Electric Fuel	8	+0.375
EFR	69.625	+0.6563
Elbit	21.75	-0.25
Elron	11	+0
Ernst Robotec	0.875	-0.125
M. Systems	3.375	-0.0625
Gilat	27	-0.75
ISG	3.5	-0.125
Gteitek	9	-0.375
Health Tech.	1.75	-0.0625
Isco	0.85625	-0.03125
IES	2.8575	+0.125
Indigo	23	-0.8125
Jacobi	0.5625	+0
First Isr Fund	11.875	+0.375
Lesk	0.21875	+0
Lumex	28	+0.125
Lannotics	16.25	-0.5
Magal	9.75	+0
Media-Al	1.25	+0.0625
Mercury	27.75	-0.5
Magn	7.5	+0
Opal	17.5	-1
Orbotech	12.875	-0.25
Oshap Tech	3.1875	-0.03125
Photronix	2.46875	-0.1875
Reds	4.5	-0.0885
Scitex	18.625	+0.125
Silicon	2.625	-0.375
T.A.T. Technol	9.5	+0
Taro Vit	7	-0.125
Teledata	7.75	-0.375
Telegraph	1.75	0
Tower Semicond	31.25	+0.25
Teva	37.625	-1.0625
TVG	1.8125	+0.1875

(All listings are closing quotes)

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INTL MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5745	+0.0079
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5748	+0.0068
D-mark:	spot	1.4942	-0.0181
	Dec.future (CME)	1.5042	+0.0062
S-franc:	spot	1.1515	+0.0103
	Dec.future (CME)	0.8723	+0.0095
Yen:	spot	100.45	-0.44
	Dec.future (CME)	0.010077	+5.6e-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3602	+0.0047
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7433	-0.0018
AusDlr:	spot	0.7462	+0.001
	Dec.future (CME)	0.7482	+0.0009
F-franc:	spot	4.9045	-0.0463
It Lire:	spot	1801.5	-5
Rig:	spot	1.5942	-0.015
AusSchlg:	spot	10.045	+0.1
Rand:	spot	3.647	-0.0085
ECU:	spot	1.3092	+0.0097
Bonds	future	112.906	-0.03125
S and P	future	585.45	+0.5

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	5.875	0
Dollar	6 months	5.9375	+0.0625
Dollar	12 months	5.9375	+0.0625
Sterling	3 months	6.8125	0
Sterling	6 months	6.8125	0
Sterling	12 months	6.875	0
S-franc	3 months	2.9825	0
S-franc	6 months	2.9925	0
S-franc	12 months	2.9425	+0.0625
D-mark	3 months	4.0625	0
D-mark	6 months	4.0625	0
D-mark	12 months	4.125	0
Yen	3 months	0.375	0
Yen	6 months	0.375	0
Yen	12 months	0.5	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INTL COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (CSC)	1287	+9
Coffee (Dec) (CSC)	115.2	+1.5
Sugar no 11 (Oct) (CSC)	11.52	+0.27
Wheat (Dec) (CBOT)	480.5	+2
Soybean (Nov) (CBOT)	642.5	-1.75
Orange juice (Nov)(CSC)	165.5	+0.35
Crude oil light (NOV)(CSC)	17.57	+0.24

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Dec) (LCE)	808	-3
Coffee (Nov) (LCE)	2228	-16
Brent crude oil (NOV)(IPE)	1617	+16

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	383.35	+0.4
Silver:	spot	5.47	-0.02

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	386.5	+0.4
Silver (Dec)	5.475	-0.02
Platinum (Oct)	420.5	-3.6
Palladium (Dec)	146.65	+1.5
High-grade copper (Dec)	1.298	-0.024

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	-	-
Gold PM fix	-	-
Silver fix	-	-
Platinum PM fix	-	-

Months in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
IndDevBK	21937	-0.6
IndDevBnD		
IndDvFnD		
MerkC	158.50	
MerkIncC		
Ot-Bk	155786	-0.5
Trade	399	-0.2
TradeC	156.00	

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	357787	
Carmel	500	
Demo03	268	
Finatad	41021	0.2
IndepMB	82162	-0.5
J IssC	129.50	
JernBnk	190.00	-0.5
LeumiMGR	47441	-0.5
Mdstry	8294	0.6
TefahoR	184572	-7.5

Financial Institutions Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
mivtahana	1010	-1.0
Ayalon	441	8.5
AyelonC		
Elton	370	
EltonC1	312	
Hadar1	588	
Hadar5	488	-0.2
HamashorC	222	-0.4
Hamshor1	1734	
HamshorS	1853	
Menorah1	995	
Menorah5	980	-1.0
Phoenix1	2223	-2.0
Phoenix5	2012	-1.5
Safrir	719	-2.1
Zion5	9837	

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Alonhadar	469	-4.7
Idanan	838	-1.3
adveya	2572	
nisco	2207	
BezakW2	315	-0.9
BindWshC1	133.50	
BndWshC2	129.50	-0.4
BondWrld L	2727	-0.5
Clog0.1	41088	-0.2
Clal Comp	9160	
ClalCmpC	157.50	
DorBeach	1467	1.5
Crystal	1720	-1.0
DanHotl1	1850	0.5
DCL	783	-1.5
Elscint	102.50	-1.9
Feldman	2250	
GenHadar	216	
GenHadC	210	
GrenisC1	110.50	
GrenisW2	54.50	-8.8
IFFIC1	238.50	
HGSWt	48.10	-10.0
HGtl	381	1.1
Ingamar1	2980	2.0
IngamS	2809	
Lmz	1888	-1.0
Matil	1150	1.0
Madaxh	468	
MadaxhW	631	-2.0
MLLC1	162.00	-0.6
MLL1	258	7.1
Rapac	1888	-0.3
Reshet	103.00	-1.9
ReshetC1	116.50	-1.7
Tiosn	1937	-4.3
TiosnC1	185.00	
Tidvye	1095	1.5
Tipdax	294	-0.3
Ysad	838	
YsadC1	129.00	4.0
Yisara	1818	
Yivdr1	1034	
Yona	380	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashcashk	154.50	0.7
Inco	458	2.2
ackg	513	0.8
Ackgw	101.00	
yellodash	485	-8.2
AclaraG	122.00	-0.5
Alliance	1286	
Alony	280	0.4
AluMit11L	11652	-1.2
Ampal	7638	
Aspamon	882	-2.2
Arjt	329	4.1
ArjtC1	51.50	1.0
Astrply	2339	
Astrply1	162.00	
Ashtrom	617	-2.1
Atzmon	440	
AtzmonW1	85.00	1.2
Azkoth	418	-1.9
Belmod	969	6.0
Boulo	199	-0.7
BoulooC1	199	
CelsiusC3	137.00	0.4
CelsiusHG	254	-2.7
Clevilfire	534	-3.9
Clorgal	1146	
Clorox	1294	
Clisan	370	-0.3
ClrSecC	238	-2.9
ClrSecU.1	2105	3.7
Clind Cit	185.00	-1.1
Cyclone1	4287	-0.5
Cyclone5	3080	
CyclonC1	182.00	
CyclonC2	105.00	-0.9
Dimond	189.00	0.3
Dsitom1	2102	7.2
Dsitom	400	
Delta 1	1480	
Delta5	1497	-1.5
DubekB	13368	-1.9
DubekR	13210	-2.0
ElbitnTec	43.50	-0.5
Elscint	6995	-1.0
Elsmce	898	-10.1
Elsr 0.5	6813	-0.5
ElscnG4	297	1.0
ElchzFibc	578	3.0
Evrot	338	
Fetdus5	743	
Fetn0.1	873	
FetchsW1	8035	-8.0
Fibt J	235	0.2
FrutarC1	216	-0.5
FrutarC2		
GibrCt1	98.00	-0.5
GlbcSab	92.00	5.5
GlbcrW2	135.00	-1.5
Golan	926	0.8
Hasholl1	398	
HasholS	177.00	-1.1
Hod	468	-2.2
Holit	257	
IsrCan1	3297	3.3
Jet-ora	1038	1.5
KadtexKey1	316	5.6
Kedem	6411	-4.0
KedemC2	199.50	
Kstar	581	
KtanC1	138.50	
Kitil	2480	-1.5
Kitil5	2407	-0.2
Lipski	3248	-3.0
Lodzia1	1268	
Lodzia4	1122	
LuriaSBal	76.00	2.0
MacPell	280	
Magen	486	-2.9
Maxtmn1	1299	-7.2
Maxtmn5	1361	
Mel Eden	1451	
Modgal	984	
MozaiCon1	817	
Mozaic5	688	1.5
NeyChemn	359	-2.9
Nehushtn	968	-3.2
Nshush5	813	-1.2
Novlor	1268	10.0
Nlon1	2945	
NMC	825	-0.6
Olte	720	
Optnir	322	-3.6
Orbit1	337	-1.5
Orlite	441	-0.2
PazGasW2	8970	-5.2
PazOyan	386	2.1
Plas	1056	-1.0
PolgatA	268	
PolgatC1	186.50	0.5
Polygon	504	-5.3
PolygonC	172.00	
PCB	660	1.1
Rotenbs	119.50	-2.4
RshlndW	28.00	8.7
Sanitas1	220	-0.5
Sanot1	1382	
Sanot5	1306	-2.5
Selen	480	-2.4
Stonman	15128	
Spctrcn	391	1.1
Strlitot	6000	-4.0
Tiwi	298	-0.3
Tadhan	706	0.3
Tambour	799	0.3
Tiasis	553	0.5
Tndea	1598	
TndeaC		
Tiv	538	-0.6
Toblas1	540	
Topper	102.00	-10.1
TATC1	188.00	
TAT1	888	
Unitar1	684	0.4
UnitarS	296	-0.3
Vitalgt1	428	
Vitalsn	218	-0.5
VultureC	171.50	
Werdinco	17572	
WerdinW3	7644	-1.0
YitogC2		
Zimtal	262	
Zitan1	1728	0.5
Zitan5	1634	
ZIM1	3529	
ZIM5	3281	0.2
ZionCabr1	614	-1.3
Zcharlsd	492	

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
buildpro	471	-0.4
jacobshr	178.00	-3.0
Dankot	243	-2.8
Izortal	448	
wolfson	73388	-0.5
y.stang	156.50	-2.2
Alpov	1544	-0.5
Azorim	318	8.2
Azorim C1	181.00	0.6
Azrieli1	1357	
Azrieli	1342	
AzrieliC4	138.00	-2.2
AzrieliW2	50.00	-21.9
Aastura	1088	-3.0
AsstraC1	224	
AzorprC1	264	
AzorProp	680	-1.7
Bentrov1	785	1.9
BayaHte5	31580	-0.5
BayotaC1	32853	
BenYehkr	1797	
BenYehW1	228	4.1
BenYhasC	80.00	
BldgRes	2416	-1.5
CohenDev	528	
Control	1188	
DanKhasC	167.00	0.6
Dead1	180.00	6.9
Dunbar	5078	
Engel	445	
Gazit	654	3.0
GoldHous	298	
GldHousC	186.00	
Hamat1	1465	
Inpro	2222	-2.0
Isrotom	1906	-1.0
IsrairmC	214	-1.5
IsrasC1	186.50	0.5
Isras5.5	4830	
Isras1	5366	
Jayacur1	121.00	1.7
Jordan	501	0.2
LazmiC1	112.00	-0.4
LazmiS	318	
Likhes5	1777.50	-0.6
Lumir1	3941	4.0
MaBluC2	125.50	0.4
Malibu1	863	-1.0
MerLasC2	180.00	
MerLasW3	76.00	-8.5
Minsav	10305	
Mishmot	155.00	-0.6
MTM	1773	0.2
NeotAviv	1253	
OsitC1	129.50	
OsitWt	2500	-1.3
Ofrolee	668	
Oz	2868	-0.7
Pirgod	1874	10.0
PrtOr	8302	0.8
RedSea	532	
RogovnI1L	1309	
RogovnS	1188	
Rotem	3275	
Shaked	418	
Teshkz	606	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
darbeni	2375	
Ilya	1073	-1.8
Adams1	1287	-1.0
AdamS2	1198	0.8
AlrierC	534	0.2
Ampa	181795	-5.0
Arisi	4492	-3.0
Asr ntC2	188.50	-3.4
Baruch1	1749	
Baruch5	752	3.0
Clal50	7107	-0.5
DankerC	223	
Dankor1	2650	1.0
Edgar	1335.50	-2.6
EdgarC2	138.50	-1.8
Elsm	8734	3.0
Emsh	180.50	
ExpanC4	207	
Gibbush	6953	1.0
Hasdan	2648	-2.5
Hilan	315	-0.9
HilanW4	168.00	-15.9
Hlron5	8992	0.5
Icc1	1073	-2.7
IDLC6	194.00	
JoelC1	157.00	-0.9
JoelC1A	157.00	-0.9
Kardan1	391	-4.0
Kbal	228	-1.4
Magor1	2118	-1.3
MagorS	1988	-3.0
Mofet	807	
Olmr	12885	-1.3
Pamal0.1	822	-2.0
Ritm1	287	-3.4
Ritm4	284	
SaharDev	1889	-2.0
Secutis	2033	0.5
SecuritC	127.00	0.8
SecuritW	218	
SAPANHASP	988	
TeyaC	252	
TeyaC1	190.00	
TIVOHW	84.80	-2.9
Ubiba	6344	-9.5

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	856	-2.1

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Name	Price	%chg
alsrantel	750	1.5
arida	1548	
giltek	825	3.8
Idcinv.	130.50	-2.6
Ideabooks	169.50	
medsealnd	173.00	
tkn	511	-1.7
AdamW1	616	-18.9
Comsec	485	-2.9
Dollm1	2.80	
Dismet	1420	
Data	898	-5.0
Elitech	345	-3.4
Greenbrg	244	
ILDCHOT	497	-0.4
Kind	88.00	-1.1
Kopas	178.00	
KopasC1	169.00	
MDPR	581	
Mnun1	800	1.3
Regency Ho	145.00	-0.3
TransLin	1049	

Property, Building

Name	Price	%chg
Ilcorp	251	0.8
alonhasz	79.50	
granditr	134.50	-5.6
pandor	343	-9.0
Adler	211	
Bar-n Tzvi	1800	
Castrasi	4350	-5.0
Danly	785	-0.5
GezaWri	340	4.6
GzaCt1	296	-1.7
GPS	27778	-5.0
Lazmich	287	
Lwnstn1	808	
Melisron	1063	3.0
Rassco	1867	-3.3
Scandia	78.50	
ScandiaC	93.00	-1.1
UnicornGt	155.50	
Unicorn1	92.00	-0.5
Unicorns	163.00	

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
absodisgn	99.50	
isedoorsgn	307	-8.7
ilpman	1698	-1.5
masorAhld	720	0.2
physton	336	-0.8
rechart	449	
wchasn	1072	
wchsetr	502	-2.5
wlmbmr	522.50	
zinmetal	1944	1.3
Adumim1	189.00	-10.0
Brosh1	209	
Dedar	1857	3.0
Elbtm	1685.50	-2.1
Gsil	197.00	-2.3
King1	527	
Lahleh1	2384	0.7
MarkC1	162.00	
Mdm1	1220.50	8.2
MLT	1508	
Nova	29336	
NovaGt1	194.00	
Orezit	305	-0.3
Orezitc	91.50	
OrdaPrm	1650	
Polisk1	711	0.6
Poraloon	68.00	-2.8
Shkdol	106.00	
Tbmveal	270	

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Ader	624	-4.0
marathon	80.00	-1.2
Alton	1823	-3.0
Binyan	53054	4.5
Mrsge	111.50	
Optibs	148.50	10.0
Regent1	336	-0.8
Yisaus	84.00	-4.0

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
Abjac	2.10	2.2
Avner	2.80	4.0
DNOEsr1	1449	
Naphtha	23.50	4.9

Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	% Change	Volume Shares	MORNING Price	% Change	Volume Shares
electrac	4084	1.2	16800	4044	0.2	18472
nacional	287	-0.2	9000	288		44108
Ackerin	495		5000	495		21941
Alns O.	423004	1.7	725	415729		218
Alnsr	377683	1.2		377683	1.3	119
Agan	5119	-0.5		5119	-0.5	3772
Agis	2666		1600	2666		7389
Azorim	3872	0.5	3000	3872	0.5	16701
ALPM	16378	0.2	1100	16337		2143
Baran	2474	0.2	1600	2468		4979
Bezeq	918		160000	916		148205
Cables	1852		900	1852		13822
Clal Ele	36334	-3.0	550	36334	-3.0	1824
Clal Tra	765	1.2	40000	756		46897
Clal 10	7840	-1.0	2800	7800	-1.5	1550
Clalins	1539	1.5	1500	1539	1.5	17929
Oldstr 5	1915	-2.5	900	1915	-2.5	3161
Clnds	1824	-1.0	22000	1824	-1.0	18937
CoOp	2059	2.0	56000	2019		17880
Danber 5	2588	0.5	1600	2575		1723
Dead Sea	810	0.5	16000	816	1.2	8580
Degem1	959	-4.2	4000	959	-4.3	16529
Delek	8733	0.5	1800	8690		1875
DevtMB	19757	-1.5		19757	-1.5	985
Discinv	19758	1.2	5940	19514		4666
Elbit	21588	-1.7	720	21424	-2.5	895
Elco	13227	2.0	5840	13098	1.0	1658
Elite 5	1290	-2.0	2400	1290	-2.0	28296
Elron	11407	1.2	3240	11350	0.7	1430
Evergr n	2205	0.7	1400	2189		3030
Fogosn	1293		8400	1293		19392
FrischWS	6362	-1.0	1500	6362	-1.0	4518
Fibi	45106		920	44855	-1.0	849
Formula	1548	-3.0	10800	1548	-3.0	2878
Frstint1	37533	1.5	3240	36898	-0.2	430
Frstint5	36940		2250	36940		1586
Frutarom	1172	-2.0	25500	1181	-1.3	31371
General	8978	1.0		8976	1.0	204
Granit	468	0.2	17500	465	-0.4	41717
Hapoalm	515	-1.5	332500	522	-0.2	69289
Hapolm	8652	-2.5	3800	8741	-1.5	3509
IndBkig	397		120000	397		47037
Isramco	2.4	0.7	500000	2.4		1297970
IsrCorp1	21871	-1.5	980	21815	-1.8	270
IsrCorp5	21012	2.0		21012	2.0	108
IsChern	222	-1.0	301000	221	-1.3	248660
IDB	1053		5400	1063		22210
IDBDev	5131	-0.2	3150	5144		3145
ILDC	862	-1.2	14000	860	-1.5	28697
JEC	1080	-1.5	28000	1077	-1.7	16884
JOEL	90.0	1.7	75000	90.0	1.7	109216
Kardan5	339	-3.7		339	-3.7	11625
Kitan	751	-1.5		751	-1.4	28504
Koor	28360	-0.2	2870	28360	-0.2	2736
Leumi	437	-0.7	103500	438	-0.5	116067
Lifshz1	230	-3.5	24000	227	-4.6	18054
Makhtesh	1790	0.5	85000	1772	-0.5	31023
Malibu5	769	-2.7		769	-2.8	8498
Maman	733	-2.7	26000	733	-2.8	4337
Mark1	1608	-1.2	10000	1595	-2.0	2963
Mashov	368	-2.2		368	-2.1	21816
Mehadrin	7391	-0.7	600	7354	-1.2	384
MenEzra	1282			1282		3277
Mishkan	30053	-3.0		30053	-3.0	220
Mivtah	1492	-2.5		1492	-2.5	2900
Multitck	1190	-2.5	12000	1193	-2.2	3521
NetoilDS	5.0	0.2	1050000	5.0		673043
Ocf	8161	0.2	4500	8060	-1.0	584
Ormat	532	-1.5	6000	532	-1.5	48992
Osem	2318	1.0	30100	2284	-0.5	5105
PazoilEx	542	-5.0		542	-4.9	9574
Packer	14269	-4.5	380	14231	-4.8	687
Paradas	2229			2229		4613
Petrchem	1676		26000	1672	-0.2	25230
Pityon	9751	-1.2		9751	-1.2	1498
PolgatB	267	-1.0		267	-1.1	17201
Rogosin	2884	-1.2		2884	-1.3	3449
Secom	318	-1.2	5000	318	-1.2	28102
SelaPump	79.0	-4.0		78.0	-4.2	123886
Shiton	11422	0.5		11422	0.5	1101
Steel	330			330		8080
SupersB	6248	1.2	19800	6125	-0.7	8125
TelahotB	169976	-3.0		169976	-3.0	7
Tempo1	1223		1200	1223		16017
Teva	116865	-1.2	1275	117654	-0.5	594
TAT5	329	0.5	16000	327		42657
Urdan 0.	541	1.2	260000	534		
Ytong	1006	1.5		1006	1.5	38965

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Bank of Boston 48.75 +0.625
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Bankers Trst NY 71.5 +0.125
Barnett Banks 59.375 +0.875
Battle Mount Gd 8.625 +0.25
Bausch & Lomb 41.125 -0.625
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Muster, Tarango slated for Israel Open

HEATHER CHAIT

THE world's No. 3 tennis player, Austrian Thomas Muster, will be the highest ranked player ever to compete in the $275,000 Eisenberg Israel Open to be held in Ramat Hasharon from October 9-15.

Muster, with a record 11 ATP titles this year, including the French Open, will be making his fourth appearance in Israel.

Although Muster will be the obvious choice for top seed, he will not be alone in the field. Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi, ranked 18 in the world, can count Goran Ivanisevic and Muster himself among his recent victims. Returning favorites to Ramat Hasharon are Spain's Javier Sanchez (48) and Stefano Pescosolido from Italy (75), the 1993 winner.

Another past winner, Jeff Tarango (78) from the United States, who has been making headlines through his notorious behavior on court, rather than his tennis, will be seeded fifth.

This year will mark a first-time attendance of a Moroccan player, the personable Karim Alami (74) who won this month's Tashkent Challenger and whose receny conquests include Pete Sampras and Aaron Krickstein.

Among the players from the 17 competing nations are Australia's Richard Fromberg (81) and Jason Stoltenberg (139), both here for the first time.

Among the three Israelis to be given wild card entries will be Gilad Bloom in recognition of his contribution to Israeli tennis.

President of the Israel Tennis Centers, Dr. Ian Froman, was enthusiastic about the tournament. "While we've never had a player like Muster here before, all the players have unbelievable talent."

While the action on court will not disappoint, the excitement will stretch beyond the court's confines. The "Fan Fest," aimed to bring the life of tennis players to the fans, will present an "Autograph Island," where the players will meet their fans, sign autographs and chat in a relaxed atmosphere.

In other tennis news, in the first day's play of the Israel Championships in Jerusalem, top seed Eyal Ran struggled against Raviv Weidenfeld before winning 6-7(5-7), 7-5, 6-2 and second seed Eyal Erlich defeated Tomer Dank 7-6(7-4), 6-2.

Noam Behr defeated Danny Erez 6-3, 3-1 after Erez retired injured and qualifier Ronni Ben Harush outplayed Ran Avraham 7-6(7-5), 6-3.

Blackburn stopped cold

TRONDHEIM, Norway (Reuter) – Norwegian part-timers Rosenborg beat Blackburn Rovers 2-1 in their European Champions' League Group B match yesterday, the English title holders' second Scandinavian humiliation in successive seasons.

Staale Stensaas, set up by a neat pass back from teenage substitute Steffen Eversen, smashed a blistering left-footed drive past Blackburn 'keeper Tim Flowers four minutes from time to give the Norwegians an unexpected but deserved victory.

Kjell-Petter Loeken put Rosenborg ahead in the 30th minute and Mike Newll equalised for Rovers after 63 minutes.

Spartak Moscow lead Group B with a maximum six points after two matches. Rosenborg are second with three points, while Blackburn and Legia Warsaw have none.

Blackburn crashed out in the first round of the UEFA Cup last season, beaten by part-timers Trelleborgs of Sweden.

In other soccer action yesterday:
UEFA CUP (first-round, second-leg matches)
Werder Bremen (Germany) 5, Glenavon (Northern Ireland) 0 (halftime 4-0). Scorers: Berndt Hobsch (26th, 36th, 39th), Mario Basler (37th pen), Ulf Borowka (69th).
Werder Bremen win 7-0 on aggregate
Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) 0, Lens (France) 7 (0-3). Scorers: Alzubecar Camara (23th), Frederic Meyrieu (25th), Roger Boli (40th), Christophe Delmotte (59th, 73rd), Joel Tiehi (67th, 72nd)
Lens win 13-0 on aggregate
Champions' League – Group A
Porto (Portugal) 2, Aalborg (Denmark) 0 (1-0). Scorer: Rui Barros (42nd min 63rd min).
Panathinaikos (Greece) 3, Nantes (France) 1 (2-0). Scorers: Panathinaikos – George Georgiadis (17th), Kryzstof Warzycha (30th, 46th); Nantes – Japhet N'Doram (86th)
Champions League – Group B
Rosenborg (Norway) 2, Blackburn Rovers (England) 1 (1-0). Scorers: Rosenborg – Karl-Petter Loeken (30th), Stale Stensaas (86th); Blackburn – Mike Newll (63rd).
Spartak Moscow 2, Legia Warsaw 1 (1-0). Scorers: Spartak – Yuri Nikiforov (14th pen), Sergei Yuran (54th); Legia – Marek Jozwiak (86th).
Champions' League – Group C
Glasgow Rangers 2, Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 2 (0-1). Scorers: Rangers – Richard Gough (62nd), Ian Ferguson (72nd); Dortmund – Heiko Herrlich (10th), Martin Kree (68th).
Juventus (Italy) 3, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 0 (2-0). Scorers: Angelo Di Livio (35th), Alessandro Del Piero (39th), Fabrizio Ravanelli (49th).
Champions' League – Group D
Ferencvaros (Hungary) 1, Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 5 (0-0). Scorers: Ferencvaros – Elek Nyilas (59th); Ajax – Jari Litmanen (57th, 80th penalty, 88th), Patrick Kluivert (67th), Frank de Boer (85th).
Real Madrid 2, Grasshopper Zurich 0 (0-0). Scorer: Ivan Zamorano (68th and 89th).



COMING THROUGH – Werder Bremen's Erhan Albayrak (l) and Alan Murphy of Northern Ireland's Glenavon FC fight for the ball during yesterday's match. (Reuter)

Maccabi Haifa's mission impossible

DEREK FATTAL

STATE Cup holder Maccabi Haifa takes to the field tonight at Kiryat Eliezer in the return leg of its first round Cup Winners' Cup tie against Sporting Lisbon.

When the draw was made the Haifa management looked forward to a packed house for the fixture, but Maccabi's humiliating 4-0 defeat in the first leg has killed off a significant amount of local interest in the game, and less than 10,000 fans are expected through the turnstiles. To remain in the competition Haifa needs to score five goals without conceding.

The Haifaites are still trying to find their rhythm this season, and barring a miracle, look certain to suffer the same ignominious fate that has recently befallen the country's other representatives in European competition.

Maccabi coach Giora Spiegel has indicated that a number of changes will be made to the opening line-up that collapsed like a tower of cards in the Portuguese capital two weeks ago. Uruguayan international Edgardo Adinolfi is likely to bolster the midfield and defender Moshe Glam could earn a recall to the side to help contain Pedro Barbosa who wrecked havoc on his way to scoring a hat-trick in the first meeting.

Spiegel has impressed upon his players the need to preserve honor by registering a victory. Nevertheless, given that Sporting rarely needed to hit top gear in the first leg, that objective could prove elusive for Maccabi who look a pale shadow of the side that fought so valiantly to lead Parma at the end of extra time in the same competition two years ago, but lost in the resulting penalty shoot-out.

The match begins at 6:30 pm local time and will be broadcast live on ITV's Channel One and Israel Radio's Second Network.

Welsh squad named for European c'ship match

LONDON (Reuter) – Manchester United striker Ryan Giggs's return from injury was a boost to Welsh manager Bobby Gould when he named his squad yesterday for next month's European championship qualifier against Germany.

Giggs, who has played in only two of Wales's eight qualifiers so far, is back in the squad but Gould has lost Crystal Palace defender Chris Coleman for the October 11 match in Cardiff because of suspension.

Gould has brought in Andrew Melville of Sunderland and is considering using Leeds midfielder Gary Speed, who scored the winning goal against Moldova three weeks ago, in defense.

"I have spoken to Gary about that possibility and he has no objections at all," said Gould.

Tranmere goalkeeper Danny Coyne has been drafted into the squad, taking over from Queens Park Rangers' Tony Roberts as deputy to Neville Southall.

Wales is in fifth place in the six-team qualifying group seven. Germany, who play Moldova three days before the Cardiff match, lies second.

Squad:
Goalkeepers: Neville Southall (Everton), Danny Coyne (Tranmere).
Defenders: Adrian Williams (Reading), Kit Symons (Manchester City), Andrew Melville (Sunderland), Stephen Jenkins (Swansea), Mark Bowen (Norwich).
Midfielders: David Phillips (Nottingham Forest), Barry Horne (Everton), Mark Pembridge (Sheffield Wed), Gary Speed (Leeds), Glyn Hodges (Sheffield United), Gerallt Williams (Ipswich).
Forwards: Mark Hughes (Chelsea), Ian Rush (Liverpool), Dean Saunders (Galatasaray), Nathan Blake (Sheffield United), Ryan Giggs (Manchester United).

Schumacher crashes on German highway

BITBURG (AP) – World champion Michael Schumacher has proven he can handle the lightning speeds of a Formula One circuit, but he had some trouble yesterday on a busy autobahn.

Schumacher got into heavy traffic near his home in Kerpen and while fiddling with the radio realized too late that traffic in front had stopped.

"I wasn't paying attention. I didn't notice the traffic jam. The accident was clearly my fault," the 26-year-old Schumacher later said.

With his Renault doing about 80 kpm, Schumacher swerved toward the emergency lane but his fender got caught on the back corner of the truck.

The angry truck driver got out and was shocked to see who had hit him.

"The man suddenly wasn't upset anymore and we had a nice talk. I gave him an autograph," Schumacher said in Bitburg, where he had an advertising appointment.

He said no police were called since it was a minor accident.

Schumacher is to start testing today for this weekend's Grand Prix race at Nurburgring in the Eifel region, after coming in second at Estoril in Portugal on September 17.

Schumacher currently leads his closest rival, England's Damon Hill in the season's championship standings with 72 points to 55.

New York breaking away in scramble for AL wild card spot

MILWAUKEE (AP) – Paul O'Neill hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs as the New York Yankees beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-4 on Tuesday, tightening their grasp on the wild card berth.

The Yankees increased their lead for the fourth playoff spot to 1½ games over California.

Sterling Hitchcock (10-10) scattered five hits over seven innings and left with a 5-2 lead before the Yankees' shaky bullpen made it interesting by allowing two runs on four hits and a walk in the eighth.

John Wetteland earned his 30th save by striking out pinch-hitter David Hulse with two on to end the eighth and retiring the side in order in the ninth.

In the third, Wade Boggs singled off left-hander Scott Karl (5-7) and scored on Randy Velarde's triple. O'Neill followed with his 21st homer for a 4-0 lead.

O'Neill added a sacrifice fly in the seventh off Kevin Wickander after Pat Kelly tripled, making the score 5-2.

Mariners 10, Angels 2

Jay Buhner and Ken Griffey Jr. each homered to help host Seattle move closer to its first AL West title with a 10-2 victory over California.

The Mariners have won 22 of 30 to move 13 games over .500 and have a three-game lead over the Angels, who have lost 27 of 36.

Seattle has a season-high seven-game winning streak.

Buhner hit his 38th homer and club-record 12th of the month and Griffey had his 16th and ninth since returning to the lineup August 15 after missing almost three months with a broken left wrist.

Andy Benes (7-1) ran his winning streak to five games, allowing eight hits over 7⅓ innings.

National League
Rockies 7, Dodgers 3

Larry Walker hit two home runs and Bret Saberhagen won for the first time in nearly eight weeks as visiting Colorado moved back into first place in the NL West.

Walker's second homer of the game off Tom Candiotti (7-14), a two-run shot to right-center following a leadoff walk to Dante Bichette in the sixth, snapped a 2-2 tie. Ellis Burks hit a two-out, two-run single in the eighth and Joe Girardi had a two-out RBI single in the ninth.

Saberhagen (7-6), who has been plagued by an inflamed right elbow and was pitching for the first time in 10 days, limited the Dodgers to seven hits and three runs, two earned, in 5⅓ innings.

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:
New York 5, Milwaukee 4
Seattle 10, California 2
Boston 5, Detroit 1
Baltimore 5, Toronto 0
Chicago 7, Kansas City 0
Minnesota 13, Cleveland 4
Texas 7, Oakland 6

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Montreal 5, Florida 4
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 1
Chicago 3, St. Louis 2
Houston 2, Pittsburgh 0
San Diego 6, San Francisco 3
Colorado 7, Los Angeles 3
Cincinnati at New York (ppd., rain)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
*-Boston	88	56	.597	–
New York	75	65	.536	8.5
Baltimore	67	73	.479	16.5
Detroit	59	81	.421	24.5
Toronto	56	84	.400	27.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
*-Cleveland	95	44	.683	–
Kansas City	69	70	.496	26
Chicago	65	74	.468	30
Milwaukee	64	75	.460	31
Minnesota	55	84	.396	40

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	78	63	.547	–
California	73	66	.525	3
Texas	71	68	.511	5
Oakland	57	72	.482	9

*-clinched division title.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
*-Atlanta	89	51	.636	–
Philadelphia	68	72	.486	21
Montreal	65	74	.468	23.5
Florida	64	75	.460	24.5
New York	64	75	.460	24.5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
*-Cincinnati	82	56	.594	–
Houston	74	65	.532	8.5
Chicago	70	69	.504	12.5
St. Louis	60	79	.432	22.5
Pittsburgh	56	84	.400	27

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	75	64	.540	–
Los Angeles	75	65	.536	.5
San Diego	68	72	.486	7.5
San Francisco	65	74	.468	10

*-clinched division title.

WILD CARD GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	75	65	.536	–
California	73	66	.525	1.5
Texas	71	68	.511	3.5

GAMES REMAINING
NEW YORK (4) – Away (4): at Milwaukee, yesterday; at Toronto, Sept. 29-Oct. 1.
CALIFORNIA (5) – Home (4): Oakland, today-Oct. 1; Away (1): at Seattle, yesterday.
TEXAS (5) – Home (5): Oakland, yesterday; Seattle today-Oct. 1.

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HOUSTON (5) – Home (1): Pittsburgh, yesterday; Away (4): at Chicago today-Oct. 1.

Maxwell joins Sixers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Vernon Maxwell, suspended for 10 games from the Houston Rockets last season for hitting a fan, signed Tuesday with the Philadelphia 76ers and will shift from shooting to point guard.

His signing comes five days after the 76ers added Richard Dumas, a promising forward whose brief NBA career has been marked by two drug suspensions.

"It's not a risk with Vernon Maxwell and Dumas – it's fun," coach and general manager John Lucas said. "Now I've got to do my job off the court with them, as well on the court."

Although terms of the contract were not disclosed, Maxwell said he had better offers from Charlotte and Indiana, but chose the 76ers because of Lucas.

He said Lucas, a former Rocket guard who has known Maxwell for the past seven years, has been "like a big brother to me."

The 76ers had scheduled a news conference for yesterday when they were expected to announce the signing of North Carolina's Jerry Stackhouse, the No. 3 pick in the draft.

The 76ers went 24-58 last year, the fourth worst record in the league. The additions of Maxwell and Dumas give them more of the speed they will need to play the up-tempo offense and pressure defense Lucas wants.

Maxwell, given a leave of absence during last year's playoffs, was released on June 30 by the Rockets, for whom he played for the past six seasons after spending his first two with San Antonio.

His troubles last season began after he went into the stands in Portland and struck a fan who he believed was taunting him. The league suspended him for 10 games and fined him $20,000.

Maxwell, who has averaged 13.7 points a game over his pro career, will play point guard for the 76ers now that Dana Barros has signed with Boston.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tommy Hearns isn't hanging up the gloves

Thomas Hearns, 36 years old and long past his best days in the ring, scored a unanimous decision Tuesday night over journeyman Earl Butler in a 10-round cruiserweight bout.

Hearns, 55-4-1 in his 18-year professional career, knocked Butler down in the second and fifth rounds as he built a big early lead before his hometown fans at The Palace of Auburn Hills. AP

Newcombe keen to retain job

Former Wimbledon champion John Newcombe wants to stay on as captain of the Australian Davis Cup tennis squad despite its dismal record under his leadership.

Australia was beaten 3-2 by Hungary in Budapest at the weekend, tumbling out of the elite World Group for the first time.

Newcombe's two-year contract now has expired. Nominations for the captaincy will open shortly and an appointment is expected to be made next month.

With 26 titles, Australia is second on the all-time Davis Cup list, behind only the United States. AP

O'Neal, Olajuwon to go one-on-one

Shaquille O'Neal, who has been in town filming a movie, "Kazaam," is ready for his close-up with Hakeem Olajuwon.

O'Neill and Olajuwon go one-on-one Saturday in match of two of the NBA's most dominant players.

"Hakeem Olajuwon is a great player, but this is one-on-one. There's no double-teaming, no coaches," said O'Neal, whose Orlando Magic lost to Olajuwon's Houston Rockets in the NBA Finals.

"I grew up playing one-on-one. It's pretty simple," O'Neal said. "If he takes a shot that hits the rim and I get the rebound, I'm going to take it to one spot and try to get it to the basket before he gets there.

Their matchup at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City will consist of 10 two-minute "rounds," with each round worth $100,000 for a $1 million purse. AP

Cavs trade Price to Bullets

Mark Price, a four-time All-Star ppoint guard and the NBA's all-time leaader in free throw accuracy, was traded to the Washington Bullets yesterday.

Details of the deal were not immediately available, but the move was confirmed by an NBA source who spoke on condition of anonymity. The Cavaliers had scheduled a late-afternoon news conference.

Price, 31, a 6-footer from Georgia Tech who was Dallas' No. 2 pick in the 1986 draaft, was acquired by the Cavaliers later that year in exchange for a second-round pick in the 1989 draft.

The Bullets, which had the worst record in the Eastern Conference lastt season, had been seeking a high-profile, veteran point guard to run its talented but young frontcourt, which includes Juwan Howard and Chris Webber, a restricted free agent who has not yet re-signed with Washington. AP

Late baseball result: Yankees 6, Brewers 3

David Cone, working on three days' rest for the first time in four years, pitched eight strong innings yesterday and the New York Yankees beat Milwaukee 6-3 for a two-game lead in the wild-card race.

The Yankees increased their lead for the extra playoff spot over California, which played later in Seattle. AP

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SOLO singer/songwriter Shlomo Gronich is working with Nitzan Ein-Habar on sax and Boaz Berman on percussion in a program of old and new songs plus some surprising instrumentals. Tomorrow night at Tzavta Tel Aviv at 10 and Saturday night in Dani's Cave at Beit Guvrin at 9:30.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Tel Aviv Museum chamber music season opens Saturday with a special festive event celebrating 60 years of music at the museum, 30 years of the Israel Chamber Orchestra and the 100th anniversary of Paul Hindemith's birth. The event, which is not the museum's average quartet evening or piano recital, features the Israel Chamber Orchestra under Yaron Traub performing Haydn's 99th Symphony, Hindemith's Kammermusik No. 1 and Israeli composer Shulamit Ran's Concerto da Camera. The evening opens with horn player Johannes Ritzkowsky and the Ariel Ensemble. At 8:30.

Jerusalem music lovers can choose from two concerts on Saturday. At the Dormition Abbey, panpipe player Philippe Emanuel Haas from Switzerland, accompanied by Valfrido Valeri on the harpsichord and tambourine, performs a selection of 16th- and 17th-century music by the likes of Caccini, Gervaise, Purcell, Loeillet, Valente and others. At the Bible Lands Museum, you can enjoy flutist Gershom Tzipris, cellist Konstantin Sokolov and bassist Yevgeni Lisogorsky with countertenor Yaniv Deor performing arias and cantatas from the Baroque, all based on biblical texts. Both at 8:30.

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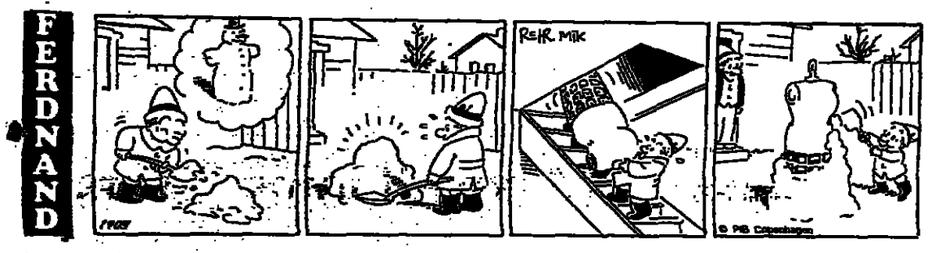
ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** – The movie's bodice-ripping plot is based on the awful best-seller by Robert James Waller, but its more genuine, tonal inspiration seems to come from the restrained golden-green roll of the Midwestern landscape where the action unfolds. A melancholy calm hovers over those hills and the whole picture, which is a fine addition to Clint Eastwood's moody directorial oeuvre and to Meryl Streep's acting credits. As Francesca Johnson, a lonely Iowa housewife who falls in love with a lonelier *National Geographic* photographer, Streep is radiant and warm. The movie is also Eastwood's most sensitive work, both as a director and an actor. Like the movie itself, he's straight, old-fashioned and has surprising class. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



Meryl Streep is radiant and warm as a lonely Iowa housewife in 'The Bridges of Madison County.' (Ken Regan/Camera 5)

★★★★ **SMOKE** – Although it's 85 years old and terribly British, E.M. Forster's social and storytelling exhortation to "only connect..." fits *Smoke* to an eerie T. Set in and around a cigar store in Brooklyn, circa 1990, the film – an engrossing collaboration between novelist Paul Auster and director Wayne Wang – is divided into five chapter-like episodes. It teems with characters whose lives sometimes entwine and sometimes don't, but whose concerns have a funny way of reinforcing the lives of the people all around. The fractured storyline follows naturally from Auster's fascination with the modern city. With fine performances by William Hurt, Harvey Keitel, Forrest Whitaker and Stockard Channing. (English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



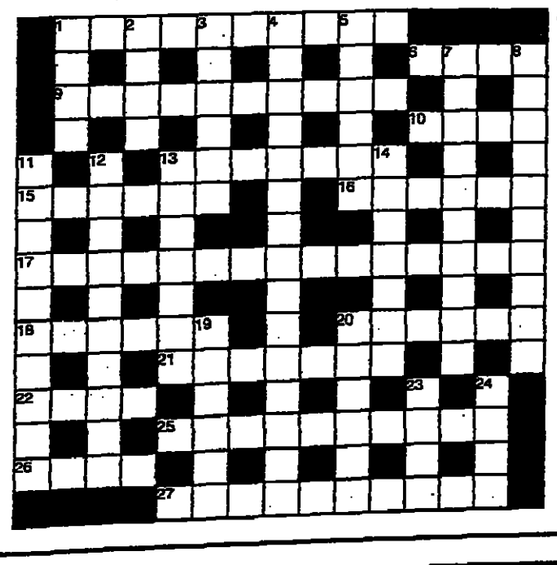
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Rook, on high, to attack (10)
6 Long section of moustache? (4)
9 The issue rides on it, says Flatfish Authority (10)
10 Return bite of tiny fly (4)
13 Was this cavalryman sworn in? (7)
15 Deliveries from British, one short? (6)
16 Perfectly good beginner (6)
17 Removing Ravel, say, from England ten times (15)
18 End of the handle left in hard paint (6)
20 One's personal elevator, for example? That is power! (6)
21 Crinkled rear-end was in front (7)
22 Tiny sand-banks, of course, in river (4)
25 General artist gets new appointment (10)
26 Jerk out of New England (4)
27 Rejoiced in a famous manner (10)

DOWN

1 River-bird with no tail (4)
2 Dash from the lane (4)
3 It is obvious south becomes less cloudy (6)
4 Much waiting to be done in a restaurant? (1,3,2,4,5)
5 Midnight forest plot (6)
7 Secret trust (10)
8 Prayers in French contracts (10)
11 Been idly to ramble, in well-trained fashion? (10)
12 Sidewalk hard-top, possibly (10)
13 Rodin's figure of slender king and queen (7)
14 Potential climber, one gathers! (7)
19 Polish result a surprise! (6)
20 Falling star initially means extraordinary times expected, or revelations (6)
23 One of two dukes holding western dollars? (4)
24 Boss of Animal Farm? (4)



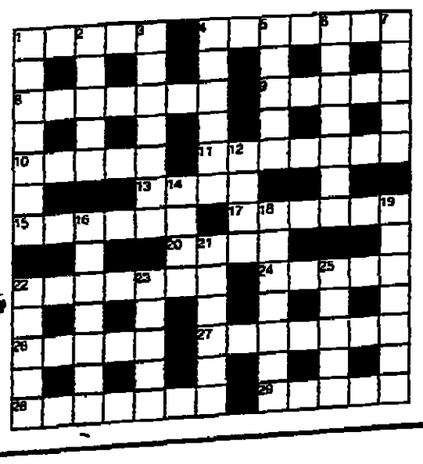
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Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Further, 5 Forth, 8 Climb, 9 Gaiters, 10 Shelter, 11 Peeve, 12 Settle, 14 Prison, 17 Cameo, 19 Ovation, 22 Brigand, 23 Inapt, 24 Trend, 25 Naughty.

DOWN: 1 Facts, 2 Raiment, 3 Habit, 4 Regard, 5 Flipper, 6 Reeve, 7 Has-been, 12 Seesbut, 13 Leotard, 15 Spinach, 18 Hoyden, 18 Maize, 20 Adieu, 21 Nutty.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Royal retinue (5)
4 Get in order (7)
8 Put on show (7)
9 Pick-me-up (5)
10 Eagle's nest (5)
11 Chinese puzzle (7)
13 Pinnacle (4)
15 Absorbent paper (6)
17 A carriage (6)
20 Symbol of pitch (4)
22 Abandon (7)
24 Nasty vapours (5)
26 Higher (5)
27 Italian dumplings (7)
28 Church dignitary (7)
29 Leather lash (5)

DOWN

1 Merciful (7)
2 Attendant (5)
3 Pictorial scene (7)
4 Change genetically (6)
5 Cane (5)
6 Century (7)
7 Stand-in (5)
12 Wheel spindle (4)
14 Little kiss (4)
16 Have moral doubts (7)
18 Insult (7)
19 Economic improvement (7)
21 Alliance (6)
22 Dowdy woman (5)
23 Main artery (5)
25 Aggressively male (5)

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News Flash **6:31** News in Arabic **6:45** Fitness **7:00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Anthropology **8:30** Reading comprehension **8:50** Society **9:25** Programs for small children **10:00** Family relations **10:30** Art **11:20** Literature **11:45** Science **12:05** English **12:15** Science **12:45** Mathematics **13:00** Making History – The First Lady of the World: Eleanor Roosevelt **13:30** Children's programs **14:05** The Little Mermaid

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Biker Mice **15:50** Dramatized short stories **16:00** The Road to Avonlea **16:45** International Concert of Youth Soloists **17:00** A New Evening **17:35** The Miraculous Mellops **18:00** News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

18:30 Soccer – Maccabi Haifa vs. Sporting Lisbon, live from Kiryat Eliezer Stadium in Haifa. Second round of European Cup competition **20:30** Mabat **20:55** Weekly Lotto results **21:00** Basketball – Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Romania, live from Romania **23:00** Mastermind – quiz game **23:30** News magazine **24:00** Program on Hebrew language

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 Love Clip – music and dating **14:00** Under African Skies – adventure **14:30** Tick Tack **15:00** Widget **15:30** Conan **16:00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17:00** Reshef at Five **17:30** Platfus (rpt) **18:00** Pop From Here and There **18:30** Who's the Boss? **19:00** Baywatch **20:00** News **20:30** Money magazine **20:50** Yigal Shilon's candid camera **21:40** Dan Shilon – live **23:15** Exposure – new program of investigative TV journalism **00:00** News **00:05** Ticket for Two – culture magazine **00:30** Midrash Huppa – Documentary film following Yishai Lapidot, musician and event organizer, during the month prior to his wedding and up to the event. **1:30** Charlie – four-part detective series (rpt) **2:00** Sing Today

■ JORDAN TV

12:00 Iris the Happy Professor – cartoon **12:15** Noddy – cartoon **12:30** Fireman Sam – cartoon **12:45** My Secret Identity – comedy **13:15** NBA – sports **14:15** Take Your Pick – quiz show **14:45** Dead Men's Tales **15:15** I Witness Video **16:00** French programs **18:30** News Headlines **18:35** National Geographic **19:30** The Album Show – music **20:15** Murder She Wrote – detective drama **21:00** News in English **21:25** I Want Him Back. – A woman fights to keep her husband. Starring Valerie Harper and Elliot Gould **22:50** The Thorn Birds – drama **23:30** Perfect Strangers

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 The 700 Club **13:55** Swiss Conspiracy (1975) – Customers of a Swiss bank are threatened with blackmail. Starring David Janssen and John Saxon (85 min) **15:30** Moomins **15:55** Heathcliff **16:20** Inspector Gadget **16:45** Flying House **17:10** Hawaii Five-O **18:10** Magnum P.I. **19:00** World News Tonight: Arabic **19:30** CNN Headline News **20:00** Blue Skies (new program) **20:30** Jake and the Fatman **21:20** Law and Order **22:10** The 700 Club **23:00** Special Program

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■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne **9:00** One Life to Live **9:45** The Young and the Restless **10:30** Perfect Strangers **10:55** The Wonder Years **11:25** Celeste **12:10** Neighbors **12:35** Perry Mason **13:30** Starting at 1:30 **14:05** St Elsewhere **14:55** Roxanne **15:40** Melrose Place **16:30** Neighbors **16:55** Antonella **17:45** Israeli Clips **18:00** One Life to Live **18:45** The Young and the Restless **19:30** Local Broadcast **20:00** Celeste **20:50** Scarlett **21:40** Entertainment This Year **22:35** Movie: Witches (1990) – Comic horror fantasy about a young boy on holiday with his grandfather who discovers there is a conference of witches going on in their hotel. (87 mins) **00:05** Seinfeld **00:35** Law and Order **1:25** Dangerous Curves **2:15** Burke's Law **3:05** Quantum Leap **3:55** A Taste for Death

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 The Dwelling - Arabic Movie **12:10** What's New at the Movies **12:20** Unforgiven (1960) – (rpt) **14:20** For Their Own Good (1992) – (rpt) **15:55** Love Can Be Murder (1992) – (rpt) **17:30** Love Bites (1992) – (rpt) **19:05** What's New at the Movies **21:00** Glengarry Glen Ross (1992) – Based on David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about a group of sleazy real estate agents and their office dynamics. Starring Al Pacino, Alec Baldwin, Jack Lemmon and Alan Arkin. (96 min) **22:40** Those Bedroom Eyes (1992) – (rpt) **00:15** Dolly Dearest (1991) – (rpt) **1:45** Blue Movie - Erotica **3:30** Twilight Murderers (1989) – (rpt) **5:05** Short Film **6:00** Tati Daniel (1990) – (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons **8:00** Surprise Garden **9:00** The Detectives **9:40** Penguin Gang **10:00** Mighty Max **10:35** Back to the Future **11:00** Growing Pains **11:30** Party of Five **12:30** Surprise Garden **13:30** Felix the Cat **14:10** Professor Iris **14:30** Mighty Max **15:05** Back to the Future **15:30** Step by Step **16:00** Adventures in a Lost Land **16:30** Odyssey **17:00** The Black Stallion **17:30** Surprise Garden **18:30** The Detectives **19:10** Penguin Gang **19:30** Three's Company **20:00** Married with Children **20:30** Perfect Strangers **20:55** Step by Step **21:20** Cheers **21:45** Clips

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Gothic (1986) – Twisted thriller has Mary Shelley, Percy Shelley and Lord Byron spending the night together in a creepy English castle. Starring Gabriel Byrne and Natasha Richardson. (83 min) **23:40** Billy Budd (1962) – A naive seaman is accused of murdering his cruel commander. Based on the Herman Melville novella. Starring Robert Ryan, Peter Ustinov and Terence Stamp. (117 min)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Science and Nature **12:00** Survival **12:30** Nature on Track **13:00** The Next Step **13:30** Practical Guide to the Universe **14:00** Open University **16:00** Survival **16:30** Nature on Track **17:00** The Next Step **17:30** Practical Guide to the Universe **18:00** Open University **20:00** Live It Up **20:30** Those Who Dare **21:00** Telescope **21:30** Body Atlas **22:00** Handel's "Xerxes" **1:10** Open University

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Open Studio (Arabic) **16:15** Cartoons **16:45** Inventions **18:30** Sage of the Ages **19:00** News in Arabic **19:30** Telekessef bulletin **19:35** Inside Stuff – NBA Magazine **20:05** Cinema magazine (rpt) **21:00** Mabat **22:00** Telekessef – finance magazine **22:30** What Happened at All (1991) – film

■ ETV 2 (23)

14:30 Sport - High School Basketball **15:30** Full House **18:00** Keep Fit **18:15** Neon Rider **19:00** Spending – consumerism for youth **19:30** Nearest and Dearest – Israeli sitcom **20:00** A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) **20:30** Lubbock's Ten Sons **21:00** Doing Business – weekly magazine for small businesses **21:30** Spirited Talks: Aviezer Ravitzky

■ CHANNEL 5

7:00 – 8:30 Bodies in motion **16:00** Bodies in motion **16:30** European Cup soccer **19:00** Live European women's basketball **20:45** Live European Cup basketball: Hapoel Galil Elyon vs Herakles, Greece **22:30** Spanish league soccer **00:00** WWF

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Horse racing **10:30** Swimming **11:30** Cycling from Colombia **13:00** Judo **14:00** Motorcycle magazine **14:30** F1 **15:00** Tennis magazine **15:30** Leisure sports **16:00** Live cycling from Colombia **18:30** Mountain bikes **19:30** Rally cross **20:30** Eurosport news **21:00** Pro-wrestling **22:00** Live cycling from Colombia **00:30** European Cup soccer **2:00** Eurosport news

■ PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Bowling **7:30** Chinese league soccer **8:00** Rally cross **9:00** Water sports magazine **10:00** Motor racing **11:00** Roller skating **12:00** To be announced **12:30** Power boats **13:00** World Cup soccer hall of fame **13:30** Tennis **14:00** Live Chinese basketball **18:00** Cricket: Pakistan vs Sri Lanka **19:00** Thai boxing **20:00** Power boats **20:30** World Cup soccer hall of fame **21:00** Motor racing **22:00** Roller skating **23:00** Tennis **23:30** Thai boxing **00:30** Power boats **1:00** World Cup soccer hall of fame **1:30** Aerobics

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RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee **9:05** Special program marking 50th anniversary of Bartok's death – Bartok plays the piano: An Evening in Transylvania (recorded January 1945); Hungarian Sketches; The Three Orphans, Hungarian folk song for voice and piano; Kossuth symphonic poem; Romanian Folk Dances; Bartok plays: Allegro barbaro (recorded 1929); String quartet no 3 (New Budapest Qt); Bartok plays: Improvisations on Hungarian Peasant Songs (recorded 1942); The Miraculous Mandarin ballet music; Piano concerto no 2, first movement; Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta (Bavarian RSO/Bernstein) **12:00** Recital of Bartok and violinist Josef Szigeti, Library of Congress, Washington, 1940 – Beethoven: Sonata in A for piano and violin op 47 "Kreutzer"; Debussy: Sonata in G minor for violin and piano; Bartok: Rhapsody no 1 for violin and piano **13:00** Bartok: Cantata Profana for tenor, baritone, mixed choir and orch; Duos for 2 violins (Kiss, Belogh); Frescobaldi arr Bartok: Toccata in G and Fugue in G minor for for keyboard **14:06** In Memory of Bartok – works for string orchestra by Rautavaara; Bartok: Piano concerto no 3; Viola concerto **15:00** Voice of Music magazine **16:00** Excerpts from "Myths and Miracles" by anonymous medieval French composers; L. Couperin: Suite in G minor for harpsichord; Haydn: String quartet in B flat op 50/1; Brahms: Motet for 8 voices op 110, Motet for 4 voices op 74; Bruckner: String quintet in F **18:00** Fiftieth anniversary of Bartok's death – Concerto for orchestra, 2nd movement, selection of different performances; Bluebeard's Castle opera **20:05** Melody – 2nd movement from sonata for solo violin (Menuhin); Bartok plays: For Children, excerpts (recorded 1945) **20:30** From our Concert Halls – Musica Nova special concert in preparation for appearance at Dresden Festival in October. Conductor Itai Talgam, soloist Mira Zakai (alto). Victor Ullmann: Autumn for singer and string trio; Pavel Haas: Quartet no 2 for strings and percussion; Ben-Zion Orgad: Personal Place for singer and instrumental ensemble (premiere); Reuven Seroussi: Victim from Theresienstadt for 2 instruments and narrator (premiere) **23:00** From the Record Shelf

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JERUSALEM

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CINEMATHEQUE **Discussion: Antonioni 8** ★ **L'avventura 9**
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KIRYAT MALACHI

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RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121* **Dolores Claiborne** weekdays 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Bridges of Madison County** weekdays 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Forget Paris** weekdays 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Don Juan** weekdays 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Pocahontas** (Hebrew dialogue)•**Pagemaster** weekdays 5 ★ RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 **Water World•First Knight** weekdays 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Bad Boys** weekdays 7:30, 9:45

Report to PM: Deal with Syria unlikely in 1996

ALON PINKAS
and news agencies

A WRITTEN assessment submitted recently to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an official government organ contends that the stalemate in talks with Syria is real, and that the November 1996 US election renders progress even less likely.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, however, said yesterday that the time may be ripe to nudge Syria toward peace with Israel.

A cabinet minister close to Rabin said he "generally agrees with the assessment and is in no hurry to initiate any drastic moves in the talks with Syria, especially in light of elections in Israel and the upcoming implementation of the Oslo 2 agreement.

"Rabin was sincerely and genuinely interested in a deal with Syria. In fact, as far as he was concerned there was a 'Syria first' policy in 1993 and for most of 1994. But now we are entering a crucial election year and given the obstacles in the talks with the Syrians, I don't see the government opening a second political front, especially now that the agreement with the Palestinians has been signed.

"The strategic advantages of a peace agreement with Syria are tremendous, but the public will not feel its immediate effects. Nor will the public be disadvantaged by the absence of an agreement," the minister said.

The report estimates that President Hafez Assad "still shows no signs of urgency in reaching a deal with Israel. He believes that Israel's security demands, as presented by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak to his Syrian counterpart in Washington last June, are tough and uncompromising and are designed to ensure an Israeli military presence on the Golan Heights."

The report, a periodic assessment of regional developments, also contends that Assad realizes the US election is bound to eclipse the Middle East, and that President Bill Clinton will be unable in 1996 to get the financial assistance an Israeli-Syrian deal may require.

Interviewed on NBC's *Today* show, Christopher said he expects today's signing of the second-stage Israeli-Palestinian accord to give Syria new reasons to make peace.

"I think it may be the moment to move on the Syrian track. I find that progress on one track tends to encourage the other tracks," he said.

Christopher said he expects to visit the Middle East in the next two or three weeks to press for more progress toward a comprehensive peace.

He did not say whether his next trip would be in conjunction with his previously scheduled attendance of an economic summit in Amman at the end of October, or whether he would make a separate trip in advance.

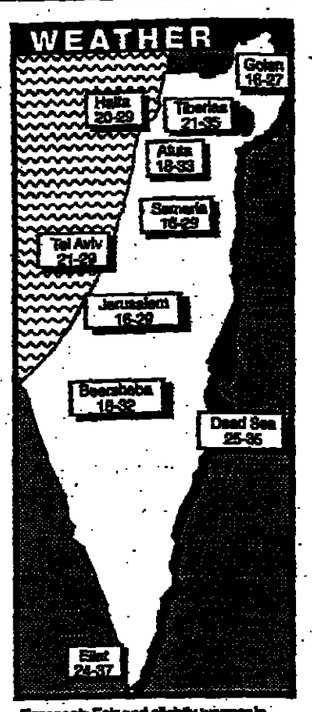
Christopher rejected criticism by his predecessor, James Baker, that the US might not be moving aggressively enough to help bring about an Israeli-Syrian peace.

"In this situation the parties have to be ready," he said. "The Syrian party and the Israeli parties have not been ready ... One has to have the sense of the time to move, the moment to move."

Baker said in an interview with Reuters this week that he believes a deal could be made between Israel and Syria, "but I don't think it will happen without some overall assertive diplomacy on the part of the US in the form of presenting options, in trying to break some of the deadlocks involving the security question."



Comrades of Pvt. Ori David, 19, killed in Lebanon on Monday, console each other at his funeral yesterday in Holon. St.-Sgt. Aviv Mor, who was also killed in the same mortar attack, was buried at the Carmel Beach military cemetery in Haifa. (Israel Sun)



Forecast: Fair and slightly warmer in the hills.

AROUND THE WORLD

	Low C	Low F	High C	High F	
Amsterdam	11	52	15	61	cloudy
Berlin	11	52	18	64	rain
Buenos Aires	12	54	24	75	pt.cloudy
Cairo	20	68	34	93	sunny
Chicago	13	55	24	75	clear
Copenhagen	10	50	14	57	cloudy
Frankfurt	10	50	17	63	rain
Geneva	09	48	19	66	rain
Helsinki	06	43	14	57	rain
Hong Kong	25	77	31	88	cloudy
Jo'burg	10	50	21	70	clear
Lisbon	15	59	26	79	clear
London	11	52	18	64	cloudy
Los Angeles	16	61	28	82	pt.cloudy
Madrid	10	50	26	79	clear
Moscow	06	43	19	66	clear
New York	13	55	19	66	pt.cloudy
Paris	14	57	21	70	cloudy
Rome	13	55	25	77	clear
Stockholm	08	46	17	63	clear
Sydney	16	61	23	73	clear
Tokyo	22	72	29	84	clear
Toronto	09	48	18	64	clear
Vienna	12	54	23	73	cloudy
Zurich	08	46	18	64	rain

Winning cards

In yesterday's *Mifal Hapayis* daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the jack of spades, jack of hearts, queen of diamonds, and seven of clubs.

Beirut to boycott economic summit

BEIRUT (Reuter) – Lebanon has formally announced it will boycott next month's economic summit in Amman, saying it is premature to discuss economic cooperation while a state of war exists between it and Israel.

"We will not attend the Amman conference," Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said in a dialogue with 300 businessmen and economists on Tuesday night. "We think the Amman summit is premature because we will be discussing matters that are based on a premature situation.

"We are still in a state of war with Israel and there is fighting in south Lebanon, and despite that we talk about how we want to cooperate with each other. These are two matters that can not meet logically."

Foreign Minister Faris Bouez told reporters yesterday the Amman summit is "one link in the chain of normalizing ties" with Israel and part of multilateral peace talks. As such Lebanon had decided to boycott it.

Syria said last week that it will also boycott the Amman summit.

Both Damascus and Beirut refuse to attend multilateral peace talks with Israel before tangible progress is reached in bilateral peace talks.

But Hariri said Lebanon will attend the Barcelona conference in November – also to be attended by Israel – as "we have an essential interest in it because it is a conference that will discuss how the Mediterranean basin countries can be helped."

He told the businessmen that even after peace with Israel, Lebanon is opposed to the establishment of a regional development bank – a proposal floated in March by the US.

"Even if occupation of our land ended, our opinion in this idea is that we have no interest in it," he said. "I think many other countries hold similar opinions because setting up the bank, its capital and its work as planned ... is not in our interest and we do not support its establishment."

Jordan, Israel, Egypt, and the Palestinians are in favor of establishing a development bank with a suggested capital of $5 billion.

Updated extradition request for Abu Marzook filed

JACOB DALLAL

THE police foreign affairs division submitted an updated request for the extradition of Hamas leader Musa Abu Marzook, being held by the US, to Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The updated request is based on additional material gathered since the original request was issued in July.

"Evidence exists which point to the involvement of the respondent in criminal acts of murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, and aggravated assault..." the petition said.

Israel decided to ask for the extradition of the former leader of the Hamas political bureau after he was caught trying to enter the US, where he resides.

Abu Marzook is believed to have coordinated Hamas terror attacks against Israeli targets over the last several years.

Immigrant unemployment down, but still high

JOSE ROSENFELD

IMMIGRANT unemployment dropped to 9 percent in the second quarter from 9.6% in the previous quarter, but was more than 45% higher than the national average of 6.2%, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

The number of employed immigrants rose 9.6% to 228,000, with a corresponding 8% drop in the number of unemployed immigrants to 23,000.

Male unemployment remained at 7%, while female unemployment decreased to 11% from 12%.

The percentage of unemployed immigrants dropped in direct proportion to the length of their stay in the country. Those who arrived last year had the highest unemployment rate of 20%, while the rate for 1992-93 arrivals dropped to 9%, decreasing further to 8% for immigrants from 1991. The unemployment rate for immigrants from 1990 was lower than the national average at 6.5%.

The bureau reported that in the first quarter, 24% of the immigrants had scientific or academic jobs, 35% were employed as skilled workers, 15% were service workers, and 6% clerks.

About 34% of immigrants were employed in industry, 13% in health and welfare services, 9% in trade and car maintenance, 9% in public services, 7% in construction, and 6% in educational services.

Immigrants made up 12% of the employed workforce, and 19% of the unemployed.

Iranian hijacker formally asks for asylum

THE Iranian flight attendant who hijacked a passenger plane to Israel last week formally asked for asylum yesterday, declaring his love for the Jewish people in a petition to an Israeli court.

Reza Jabari, 29, is considering converting to Judaism and wants to find an Israeli wife, attorney Shmuel Saadya told The Associated Press. "He wants a fresh start in life and he wants to make it here ... and marry here," Saadya said.

In a petition filed with Beersheba Magistrate's Court, Jabari, a Moslem, argued that he "never had the opportunity" to freely choose his religion and is now questioning it.

No reaction to the request was available from the Justice Ministry. A Foreign Ministry official said an asylum request is complicated by the fact that Jabari may have to face criminal charges for the hijacking.

Police had said he is being investigated for air piracy, hijacking, weapons possession, and infiltration. Saadya argued his client, who has spent eight days in jail, should be released because no charges have been pressed against him so far.

The court is expected to discuss Jabari's petition tomorrow.

There were initial reports that Jabari wanted asylum in the US or Britain. But an Israeli official said those countries ruled out the possibility. Officials here have said they wanted to hand Jabari to the International Red Cross.

Jabari has said he wanted to alert the world to the oppression of the Iranian people under the fundamentalist regime in Tehran.

On Sunday, he spoke to his parents in Teheran in a call apparently arranged through a third country, Saadya said. (AP)

Expelled Palestinians return to Gaza cursing Gaddafi

ALLENBY BRIDGE (Reuter) – About 180 Palestinians expelled by Libya to protest the Israeli-PLO peace accord returned to the Gaza Strip yesterday after lingering for weeks under scorching desert heat.

Three buses loaded with men, women, and children, followed by a trailer piled high with their luggage and belongings, crossed the Allenby Bridge. Many cursed Libyan Leader Muammar Gaddafi for deporting them and spoke of weeks of waiting at a no man's-land on the Libyan-Egyptian border in harsh conditions, with hardly any food and water, no tents or toilets, and bad sanitary conditions.

"Animals have a better life than the one we had in the last month of waiting," said Suad Agha, who was carrying her two-month-old baby Ahmed. "Thank god, Ahmed and my seven other children survived. They had diarrhea all the time."

The group started arriving by boat at Akaba from Nuweiba on Saturday. But they were unable to go to Gaza because the bridge had been closed for Rosh Hashana.

"If you saw us there, you would have cried," recalled Asma Hilmi. "We lived under tents we made from tying together our clothes and blankets on a tiny strip of land surrounded by barbed wire and land mines."

The official Libyan news agency JANA on Tuesday denied Tripoli had given the remaining 30,000 Palestinians in the country 48 hours to leave.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, meanwhile, appealed to Gaddafi to stop expelling Palestinians.

Arafat was speaking after talks with French President Jacques Chirac during a brief stopover in Paris on his way to Washington for the Oslo 2 signing ceremony.

Yeshiva University backs gay student associations

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

A LEADING Talmudic authority is backing Yeshiva University's reluctant support of gay student associations, saying the cost of barring them is "too high."

Discrimination against the associations would violate New York City law, and would endanger the university's accreditation and funding, wrote Rabbi Moshe Tendler, an halachic authority and a professor of biology at YU.

"Many Torah institutions, including Agudas Yisroel signed 'non-discrimination' clauses to receive government funding," Tendler wrote last month in a letter to an unidentified YU alumnus.

In the last year, the existence of gay organizations at YU has come to be seen as a battleground for the soul of the historically modern Orthodox, but non-sectarian university.

Despite a torrent of publicity, YU's administration repeatedly has declined to discuss the gay associations, other than to say the university's support is indirect and is limited to what civil law demands.

With four campuses in New York, as well as campuses in Los Angeles and Jerusalem, YU has 16 undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools, with affiliates. If banning the gay associations "meant giving up a million dollars in government funding, I would urge banning these clubs so as to emphasize our commitment to Torah standards," Tendler wrote. But, if a ban resulted in closing the professional schools, "I would not ban the clubs."

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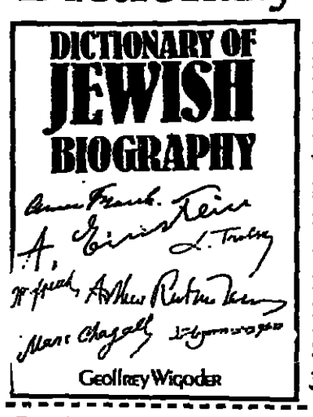
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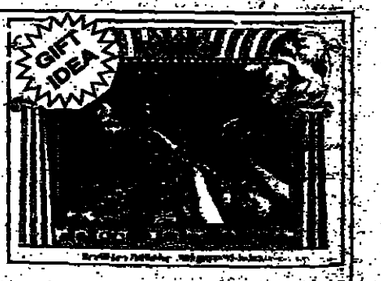


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